

## Philately Of Poland Featured

### POD "Stamps Of The U. S." In New Edition

The new edition of the Post Office Department's popular "Postage Stamps of the United States 1847-1957" is now available either by over-the-counter sale at the Philatelic Exhibition Room of the Department in Washington, D. C. or by mail from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C.

The new edition, priced at \$1., embraces all United States postage stamps issued from 1847 through the Flushing Remonstrance commemorative released December 27, 1957. A new table showing designers, engravers, first day sites and dates, and quantities of stamps sold and covers canceled the initial day of issuance from January, 1953, has been added.

Other features include a comprehensive listing of plate numbers, quantities printed of commemorative and air mail stamps, and a complete index for easy reference purposes.

The last edition appeared in conjunction with the Fifth International Philatelic Exhibition held in New York during May of 1956. The supply was exhausted last September and the new edition has been prepared to supply the increasing demand for such a catalog on U. S. emissions.

### "Palestine" Overprints On Egyptian Regulars

Saad El-Chiehini, chief of the philatelic service of the Egyptian Post Office Department, has announced that two Egyptian regular stamps, 5 mills "Industry Basis of Development" and 1m. "Farmer's Wife" have been overprinted to denote validity in Palestine.

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### Bolivar, Kossuth, Designated Year's 'Champions Of Liberty'; New Printing, FD, 8c Liberty

Following through on the plan set up last year with the release of the 8c Ramon Magsaysay "Champions of Liberty" single, the Post Office Department has announced that three additional "Champions" have been selected for forthcoming philatelic honors—Simon Bolivar, Lajos (Louis) Kossuth and Jose de San Martin.

Further, in response to considerable public demand for stamps in sets, and appreciating that neither a 3c nor 8c (domestic, foreign rates) single adhesive would do justice to the subject both here and abroad, the Department will release future "Champions" issues in two-value sets covering both rates.

Of particular additional interest is the statement from the Department that a third printing variety, this one involving also some minor changes in the design, will appear in the 8c Statue of Liberty regular issue adhesive. Originally printed by both flat and rotary presses, it will be released March 22 in a new edition from the Giori press. First day ceremonies will be held at Cleveland, Ohio, in conjunction with the annual exhibition of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club and the first regional meeting of the American Philatelic Society.

The 8-cent Statue of Liberty stamp was first placed on sale at Washington, D. C., on April 9, 1954. Initial printings of this bio-

colored stamp were run off by both rotary and flat-bed presses, each with two plate numbers. The new Giori printing will differ somewhat in certain parts of the design, and will have only one plate number.

Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield in announcing Departmental recommendations of the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee, whereby two "Champions of Liberty" will be honored on United States postage stamps during 1958, also disclosed the identity of one of the two selections for issuance next year.

Simon Bolivar and Lajos Kossuth will be the subjects for this year's stamps to be released in (Continued on page 19)

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In the annals of Polish history there exists evidence of the operation of a system of couriers for the handling of official mail during the reign of King Chrobry, approximately 1000 A. D. The first postal system in the modern sense was definitely established by King Sigmund, 1548-1572.

In 1558 he granted a concession to one Prospero Povano of Venice for the dispatching of mail from the capital of Poland to Venice, then something of a mercantile center of the Mediterranean world. The cost of this facility was absorbed by the King.

Eventually this "franchise" was acquired by the well known Thurn and Taxis family, and from then on in developments came thick and fast. But more of that anon . . .

With such a background, it was but natural that philatelists interested in Poland and its postal history and issues should eventually find their common interests drawing them to a common focus of activity. Thus it came about that on February 26, 1939, in response to an ad in the Polish Daily Zgoda and by personal contact with well known collectors of Poland and its associated countries, 54 collectors assembled and organized the Polonus Philatelic Society of Chicago, Ill.

To many, the name "Polonus" strikes an odd chord, but it does have a meaning, as told to the members of Polonus by Dr. L. P. Kozakiewicz. The name "Polonus" goes back to the times of Kopernik, the Polish astronomer, who while attending the University at Padua in Italy, registered at the school as "Kopernik, Nationality Polonus" (which meant in Latin, a Pole).

At the first meeting officers were elected and the objectives of the Society were laid out, and the dreams of many collectors of Poland and associated countries were fulfilled. The following were elected as officers: president, L. J. Jankowski; vice president, H. Chojnacki; secretary, F. Pientka; treasurer, C. J. Mikucki; Librarian, M. E. Steczynski; directors, Dr. L. P. Kozakiewicz and R. Reinowski; and publicity director, B. Powell.

The objectives of the Polonus Philatelic Society are:

To promote and encourage philately;

To do research, translate and disseminate information for the benefit of philately in general and the collectors of Poland in particular; and

To publish a bulletin and submit articles for publication by other sources for the promotion of knowledge of the postal issues of Poland.

One of our first and saddest disappointments was due to

World War II breaking out in Europe. It caused the breakdown of arrangements which had been completed with the Polish Ministry of Posts and Telegraphs for an automatic marking of all new issues and first day covers. Assurance also had been received from the Polish Philatelic Agency that obsolete material would be available to us. Many members were fortunate to receive the first day covers of Scott's Nos. 340 and B35 just as Poland was invaded. These were the first and last covers received under the arrangement.

As a society of Polish collectors, we felt we had a duty to perform of influencing the catalog makers to recognize and record correctly certain Polish issues, which were then not properly listed. In appreciation of our cooperation along the lines, Scott Publications sent the Society a copy of the 1940 edition, inscribed with the Society's name on the cover. This acknowledgment is received annually.

Because of the war, correspondence with fellow collectors in Poland was discontinued. The job of keeping the stamps of Poland out in front was accomplished with timely articles in the Philatelic press for the duration of the war.

The first publication issued by Polonus was a mimeographed bulletin, issued in October 1939. It listed the officers and information (Continued on page 17)

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The Polonus Philatelic Society meets the second and fourth Fridays of the month at the Polish Falcons Hall, 1062 N. Ashland Ave., Chicago, Ill. Persons interested in the stamps and other philatelic material of Polish origin are invited to the meetings.

Collectors who want to learn more about the group, with perhaps the desire to join, can direct an inquiry to the secretary, Roman Strzelecki at the address above.

Membership in Polonus is international. Information about Polish philately is contained in the society's publication, the "Bulletin of the Philatelic Society". It contains articles of a general and specialized nature, the new Polish issues to come, and released, and news of the club and members. It is included with a membership.

## 'POLPEX' '58 Seals Honor Early Poles

A most interesting and appropriate facet of the February 28-March 1-2 "POLPEX" '58 exhibition of the Polonus Philatelic Society to be held in Chicago is the attention being displayed toward the 1608 arrival of a contingent of Polish workmen in Jamestown, Va. Long known and highly publicized is the landing of the English the preceding year, but it is only within recent months that the arrival of "immigrants" of another national strain a year later has been mentioned.



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The Polonus exhibition will bring considerable publicity to this long overlooked building block in the country's foundation by issuing two souvenir sheets in connection with the show. The seals, in two two-color combinations of orange red and blue, are 25c per set. The price includes a 4-page folder setting forth the details of the 1608 event.

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## Additional Farley Gift To Smithsonian

James A. Farley, Postmaster General of the United States from 1933 to 1940, has presented to the Smithsonian Institution additional items from his personal philatelic collection. So reports Dr. Remington Kellogg, director of the Smithsonian's U. S. National Museum in Washington D. C., who is the official custodian of the National Postage Stamp Collection.

Included in Mr. Farley's latest gift are President Franklin D. Roosevelt's signed sketches of the Mother's Day Stamp of 1935 and the 6c airmail of 1938. Included also is an extraordinary collection of approximately 7,500 airmail covers, addressed by postmasters throughout the United States to Mr. Farley during Airmail Week, May 15-21, 1938.

Further, there are the dating stamp and slug used in the British Royal Train Post Office, while in United States territory, during the 1939 royal visit of King George VI of Great Britain plus other personal mementos of Mr. Farley's tenure of office.

The rest of the former PMG's philatelic material, including other Roosevelt sketches and the autographed "original" Farley sheets, remains with the Smithsonian Institution on loan. Much of it is on display in the frames of the National Postage Stamp Collection in the Smithsonian's Arts and Industries Building.

## France And Colonies Group Names Winners

The France and Colonies Group, New York City, has announced the following winners of the February 4 meeting's "Lesgor Contest":

W. H. Schilling, Jr., took first place with his early numeral cancellations. Following him, in order, were W. R. Rothchild, stampless covers of Toulon; A. Boutrelle, French Oceania; Jan Kindler, unusual and special cancellations on the 10c red "Sower"; and C. Meyer, Marianne de Gandon. Honorable mention went to R. C. Williams for his 1 franc Vermeille showing.

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## Santa Claus Was A Russian

Our last suggestion for a Santa Claus stamp has brought some of the same kind of letters that we have had in past years when we have asked for one. These letters try to put forth the claim that Santa Claus should not be featured on a postage stamp because our Post Office Department should not feature any religious subject, that the use of Santa Claus on a stamp might be offensive to certain sects or religious groups.



GEORGE W. LINN

I have never looked upon Santa Claus as a religious subject, rather I have looked upon him as a jolly, little fellow whom the children all love, and as such, a worthy subject for a stamp. This time I have done something about it. I have made an attempt to find out just where Santa Claus came from and what if any connection there might be between him and any religion.

I regret that I do not have the Funk & Wagnalls Encyclopaedia which I am sure would have much more information than I can find in a small one which I have called The Standard International Encyclopaedia.

"NICHOLAS, Saint, 4th century bishop of Myra in Asia Minor. The patron saint of the Russians, the facts of his life are shrouded in legend. He provided three poor

maidens with dowries by throwing purses of gold into their windows, an act which led to his identification with gifts and giving. Nicholas is the well loved Santa Claus in English speaking countries whose feast day is Christmas, December 25."

Thus it should readily be seen that Santa Claus is not a religious character and a postage stamp picturing him should not be objected to on any such grounds.

I would not want to believe I would approve of bringing any kind of religious propaganda into the columns of this paper. I object to such activity as I believe that each man has a right to his own belief so long as he does not attempt to force it on others. For my own part I believe in the Golden Rule which has served me very well.

## Is Yours an APO Address?

The letter in our issue of January 20 which appealed for better service for the collectors in American service abroad has brought two very interesting missives. The first came from an Air Force man in Norway; the latter from a lady who is the wife of an officer in command of the hospital at Fort Chaffee, Ark.

I cannot quote from them completely but will use some comment from both. From the Norway, the following:

"I have just read, with interest, your editorial comments in the 20 January issue of Linn's."

"I received my issue on date of publication and all of the others on publication dates or maybe a day later. I will admit that the cost of having the paper sent to me by air is costly but I do get the paper when it is 'new' and current."

"This is my method of solving the problem posed by my colleague, Captain Chupack."

"I get all kinds of stamp papers over here and I think that Linn's is better than all others of its kind, put together."

"I am stationed here in Norway and our mail service, other than airmail, is something, a case of the long wait."

"Thanks again for sending me the paper by airmail."

That last line may need some explanation to others in the service abroad who receive our paper by regular mail. We have several readers in the service who provide the necessary funds for mailing their papers by first class airmail and that is how it is done.

The other letter is so interesting that we are going to quote all of it. The heading on the stationery is . . . "Mrs. George A. Heffernon, Dealer in Fine Stamps, presently located at USAH Fort Chaffee, Ark." Thus you will not that Mrs. Heffernon, wife of George A. Heffernon is the name under which business is handled as Mr. Heffernon is in active service with the Army. Here is her letter:

"We certainly do enjoy your editorial each week and last issue (January 20) mentioned the servicemen overseas and his difficulties in getting stamp service."

"Thought you would like to know that we have been in the business for the past 18 years and have catered to the military in the stamp line (note the item below on our stationery) (Catering to the Philatelic needs of members of the Armed Forces). That fine dealer Herman Herst uses a slogan 'You have a friend in the business' is a fine one and I have been tempted to twist it a bit to apply to us in connection with the service people."

"All our customers are in the Army, Navy or Air Force. My husband is still active — and is in command of the hospital here at Ft. Chaffee — we just two months ago returned from four years in Germany. Have made many, many friends in the service just through stamps."

"I do not mean this letter as a method of getting a free plug in your paper, but if it is ethical for you to do so, I would appreciate your mentioning that we do cater to the military, that we give 10% discount on all stamp supplies, albums, catalogs, etc. to military only, and that we are in a position to understand the problems of the military having to move frequently, payday coming only once monthly, etc., etc."

"Whether you mention the above or not, I want to add my comment about your Weekly — it is our only retail journal that we take — as after much trial and error, we have found it to be the best of all those published."

"Sincerely,  
"M. Heffernon, the Heffernons."

"P.S. Our home is St. Petersburg, Florida and when we retire, there will be another stamps shop there!!"

Publication of the above is in line with the way we have always treated the men in the service. All during the last war we carried every one of them whom we could keep in touch with on our subscription list at no cost and we also sent papers to every U.S.O. camp of which we could get the address. We believe there is nothing too good for these men and have always tried to help them.

## "Black Star" Ghanas Off Sale February 28

While it was announced a week ago that the plates from which the current Ghana "Black Star Line" set of commemoratives was printed were destroyed February 6, it is now learned that along with them the original dies and the transfer rolls were also defaced.

Late dispatches from the Ghana,

Philatelic Agency, New York City, announce further the receipt of an official message from Ghana stating that the remaining stamps of this set will be withdrawn from sale at the close of business February 28 and thereafter officially destroyed.

In accordance with the above directive, announces the Agency, all sales of the Black Star Line stamps will cease at 5 p. m. February 28.

## SMILEATELICS

Bob Ricker



"I don't think you're trying to see my point of view, dear. Wouldn't you rather have this handful of rare stamps than a brand new car?"

## Morgan President Of Dunkirk, N. Y. Club

Joseph P. Morgan, Jr., has been elected president of the Dunkirk, N.Y. Stamp Club. Serving with him are Stephen Smith, vice president; Donald Ruge, secretary-treasurer.

Collectors in the area may obtain information about the club's activities, meeting dates and place, and other details from Donald R. Ruge, 103 Sisson St., Dunkirk, N.Y.

## 1958 STAMP PROGRAM

March 15 — Gardening and Horticulture, Ithaca, N. Y.  
March 22 — "Liberty" 8c regular, new Giori printing, Cleveland, Ohio.

April 17 — Brussels Exhibition, Detroit, Mich.

April 18 — Paul Revere, 25c regular, Boston, Mass.

April 28 — James Monroe 200th Anniversary, Montross, Va.

May 11 — Minnesota Statehood, St. Paul, Minn.

May 31 — International Geophysical Year, Chicago, Ill.

June 12 — Gunston Hall-George Mason, Lorton, Va.

June 25 — Mackinac Straits Bridge, Mackinac City and St. Ignace, Mich.

(No further details).

July 24 — Simon Bolivar "Champions of Liberty", Washington, D. C. (No further details).

Aug. 15 — Atlantic Cable, New York, N. Y.

Sept. 19 — Lajos Kossuth "Champions of Liberty", Washington, D. C. (No further details).

Sept. 22 — Journalism, Columbia, Mo.

Oct. 10 — Overland Mail, San Francisco, Calif.

Oct. 16 — Noah Webster, West Hartford, Conn.

John Jay 15c regular. (No further details).

Conservation "Keep America Green". (No further details).

Details as to denomination, color and design of all the above stamps will be announced when available.

## UNITED NATIONS

April 14—Anniversary of First Session 3c and 8c.

June 2 — 8c Regular Issue.

## CANADA

March 5—Geophysical Year 5c, Ottawa. (See February 10 issue for details).

June—Canadian Nurses Assn. centennial. (No further details).

July — 350th Anniversary of Quebec. (No further details).

To obtain First Day Covers collectors can send a reasonable quantity each with a name and address, and enclosing a stub to the Postmaster of the designated first day city with a request for FD Service. Payment must accompany to cover the face value of the stamps to be affixed. For UN and Canadian first days, watch the news stories on these and follow instructions.

## RYUKYUS

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There are 1817 price changes in the new, 5th edition of the Gunesch-Coda Standard Bureau Precancel Catalog, now on the market. The new edition is strikingly different from its predecessors in that it shows illustrations of the various types in each section on actual stamps that were used during that period. This innovation will be of immense help to the new collector who will now be able to tell at a glance which stamps he has to look for to find the good and rare Bureaus.

Another big improvement is the listing of the errors and error varieties, all of which are shown in the back of each section. Again all existing combination blocks, showing two Hand and two Machine set types on the same block, are listed for the first time.

Block and coil pair sections are now in three instead of four columns which makes it possible to use clearer and larger uniform type throughout.

The catalog is edited and published by Richard J. Coda, Sr. of Newark, N. J. but all orders, both wholesale and retail should be sent to the distributor, Gunesch Precancel House, Inc., 30 W. Washington St., Chicago 2, Ill. Single copies can be obtained from most U. S. stamp dealers; retail price is \$5.00, postpaid.

## Plewacki Post Show To Honor 1608 Poles

The Plewacki Post Stamp Society, Buffalo, N. Y. will hold its second annual stamp show March 28-30 in the Adam Plewacki American Legion Hall there. The theme of the occasion is two-fold: to honor the memory of the first Polish settlers in America (Jamestown, Va., October 1, 1608) and to note the 15th anniversary of the deaths of the four chaplains who went down with the "Dorchester" February 3, 1943.

The Post Office Department is cooperating by setting up a sub-station with a special cancellation to be used during the period.

To help defray operating costs, the society will issue a set of two souvenir seals in red and green, a descriptive folder and a cacheted envelope with the seal imprinted in black. The seals with folder are 25c, and the cacheted envelope with stamp and special cancellation 10c, 3 for 25c.

Seals, folders and envelopes, as well as pertinent information about the exhibition, are obtainable from Stanley Arnstein, 11 Frontenac Ave., Buffalo 16, N. Y.

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N12/35	2.00 N35/36 .60	NO3 .07
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used .08	NB1/2 .05	NO4a .15
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	NB4 1.35	NO6 .08
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N15	Cancelled "3rd" Anniversary Greater East Asia War	.25
N26/27	First Day Cover	.30
N28	First Day Cover	.30
N29/31	First Day Cover	.35
N29/31	Same, with imperforate set	.30
N32/34	First Day Cover	.50
N37/39	First Day Cover	.50
N37/39	on NU2 Cancelled on last day of Occupation	.40
NB1/3	First Day Cover	2.50
NB1/2	First Day Cover	.50
NB5/7	First Day Cover	.40
NO5/7	First Day Cover	.75
NU1	First Day Cover	.25
NU2	5c on 2c Red, mint	.10
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OG	556	★	#C13 65c Blks VF-Superb OG 21.50
OG	557	★	#C13 65c VF-OG fresh 21.50
OG	558	★	#C13 65c Blk VF-OG used 21.50
OG	559	★	#C14 \$1.30 Zepp VF-Sup. OG 99.00
OG	560	★	#C14 \$1.30 VF used 41.00
OG	561	★	#C15 \$2.60 Superb OG 32.50
OG	562	★	"A Gem" 75.00
OG	563	★	#C15 \$2.60 VF used 61.00
OG	564	★	#C15 \$2.60 Blk VF-Sup. OG 310.00
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OG	567	★	#C37 5c Cpl. Coll of 500 9.75
OG	568	★	#E2 10c VF OG fresh 60.00
OG	569	★	#E3 10c Superb OG 11.00
OG	570	★	#E4 10c VF-OG rich color 4.00
OG	571	★	#E5 10c VF-Superb OG 21.00
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OG	575	★	#E10 10c VF-Superb OG 65.00
OG	576	★	#E10 10c Blk VF-Sup. OG 27.50
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By CARL P. RUETH

There are just a few days remaining before the close of the Tenth Annual Design Derby - February 28 at midnight. In this last column before the end of the voting I list the designs which in my opinion are Best, Worst, etc. This used to be done at the start of the contest but after I was accused of influencing others with the way my vote was cast, it now comes at the end of things.

For best design I liked the Whooping Crane; second best the United States Flag; third best the Architects. For worst the Jamestown was given that designation. Least reason to be issued, the Shipbuilding. Best design not considering color is the Architects.

Now it remains to be seen how the general philatelic public voted, this news to come as soon after February 28 as possible.

Other designs which seemed to be better than average were the La Fayette, Steel and Magsaysay. Those which might be termed the general run of the mine U.S. average are the Hamilton, Coast and Geodetic Survey, Remonstrance, and Air Force.

The "worst" Jamestown had some worthy competition. Almost as bad were the Oklahoma and Polio.

The Shipbuilding was about as nebulous a commemoration as anything we have had for a while. It was subsequently proven that the anniversary date was incorrect on top of which the first ocean-going ship was not built in Maine at the Popham Colony. Write this one off to political backscratching.

The International Naval Review-Jamestown was a bust from the word go. If the commemoration had been confined to the 350th anniversary of the settlement of Jamestown which was an important historical event deserving of a set of stamps, then it would have been worthy. Ringing in the naval review as the big thing had an odor unconnected with salt water.

The Remonstrance is another one of those things. It was someone's idea of importance which had a well organized lobby behind it and so the stamp was born. There are at least five other "religious freedom" events of considerably more importance to the people of our nation. In fact the Remonstrance is less than minor.

Undoubtedly some folks are going to get angry because of these opinions and spoil their meals and sleep. Might I suggest instead that you say a prayer to the Lord asking him to give me guidance and omniscience! Prayer, I can use!

1. On which of the 1957 stamps is a moose pictured?
2. Which of the 1957 designs has a pileus in it?

There are many requests during Derby time to print the results of the previous ones. These are now given, from the very first to that of 1956 -

**1948**  
**BEST - Gettysburg.** Rough Riders, Palomar  
**WORST - Turner.** Fort Kearny.

**1949**  
**BEST - 25c U.P.U.** Annapolis, Washington & Lee.  
**WORST - Poe.** Puerto Rico, Alexandria

**1950**  
**BEST - Freedom.** Legislature, Executive.  
**WORST - Casey Jones.** California, Indiana

**1951**  
**BEST - Nevada.** Detroit, Chemical  
**WORST - Colorado.** Confederate Veterans, Brooklyn.

**1952**  
**BEST - Rushmore.** NATO, Grand Coulee.  
**WORST - B & O.** Newsboys, AAA.

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**1967**  
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**WORST - B & O.** Newsboys, AAA.

## APPROPRIATE DESIGN

Red Cross, Bible, Engineers.  
1953

**BEST - New York, Perry, Gadsden.**  
**WORST - Trucking, Ohio, Patton.**

**LEAST NECESSARY - Trucking, Sagamore, Bar Assn.**  
**APPROPRIATE DESIGN - Sagamore, New York, Patton.**

**1954**  
**BEST - Lewis & Clark, 8c Liberty, 4c Airmail.**  
**WORST - Nebraska, Kansas, Special Delivery.**

**LEAST NECESSARY - 4c Airmail, Eastman, Columbia U.**  
**APPROPRIATE DESIGN - Special Delivery, Columbia U., Lewis & Clark.**

**1955**  
**BEST - Rotary, Peace Atoms, Soo Locks.**  
**WORST - Ticonderoga, Colleges, Art Academy.**

**LEAST NECESSARY - Mellon, Stone Face, Art Academy.**  
**1956**  
**BEST - Antelope, Wheatland, Wild Turkey**  
**WORST - Pure Food, Nassau Hall, Franklin**

**LEAST NECESSARY - Pure Food, Wheatland, Childrens.**  
**BEST DESIGN NOT CONSIDERING COLOR - Wheatland, Labor Day, Wild Turkey.**

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Architects		
Steel		
Jamestown		
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Whooping Crane		
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Remonstrance		

**Worst Design** -----

**Stamp Least Reason To Be Issued** -----

**Best Design Not Considering Color** -----

**Want sets** ----- Yes ----- No

Send this to Carl P. Rueth, Linn's Weekly Stamp News, Sidney, Ohio.

Some weeks ago PMG Summerfield announced that the 1958 "Conservation" design would be based on the theme of "Keep America Green". It is quite possible that this will be tied in with two important projects. One, a publicizing of the constant battle against forest fire; and two, the 350th anniversary of the Southern Pine Industry.

Both of these are economically and nationally important to all of us. The southern pine folks point out that the first sawmill was built in this country in 1608. It is claimed that since that time more than a trillion board feet of the pine has been manufactured. (Ha, at last, something larger than the national debt!)

Louisiana claims to be the largest producer of this kind of lumber. Chances are that if the southern pine is a part of the 1958 Conservation commem, the folks down there will get a first day of issue somewhere in the state.

Earle Flanders of Monmouth, Maine and Howard Reynolds of Winthrop, Mass. have in their possession the kind of lucky find most collectors dream about but never realize. Flanders had been offered a stack of old letters by an antique dealer of his town which he refused to buy. He did however, look through them and discovered a strip of three of the 3c rose of 1861, in mint condition, with the design printed both front and back!

After some contact with dealers on the matter, and a showing of the material to Reynolds by Flanders, the two decided to buy which they did. Purchase price was not given.

The Scott Catalog lists this miscue as No. 65e. While known in used condition, and sold for as much as \$1200 a copy, there has never been a mint one discovered - and certainly never in a

## Dedication Covers From Wisconsin Post Office

Hartland, Wis., will dedicate its new post office in late March or early April, and to mark the occasion is offering a cacheted dedication cover service, according to Harold P. Van Buren, postmaster. Hartland is in the middle of a great dairy area, which fact is expected to be noted on the cachet.

Collectors desiring envelopes serviced on the occasion may send them under separate cover to Clarence Sponholz, Route 2, Hartland, Wis. Each one should be stamped, addressed and have a filler enclosed. The flap should be tucked in or sealed.

Mr. Sponholz will obtain the postmaster's autograph on covers if so requested.

strip of three.

J. P. Howard of Augusta, Me. who sent the news, advises that the two men still have the three stamps in strip form.

A number of weeks ago when the subject of covers was discussed the advice was given to purchase only a top quality, rag content paper, envelope. The others, such as the sulphite bond type, get yellow with age and deteriorate, which will reduce value as a philatelic cover considerably.

Walter L. Tasker of Drexel Hill, Pa. carries the advice one step further, and he really makes a good point. He states that not only is it important to get top grade paper but that the glue used to keep it stuck together in envelope form also be the best.

He cites as an example some damage he has suffered where he bought envelopes of the best grade paper but because the glue was low grade, the covers were ruined. The glue became a dark brown, staining the joints on the back, and forming a brownish V-stain on the front.

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What events led up to the establishing of independent Ghana on March 6, 1957, but still caused its leaders to want to remain within the British Commonwealth? Let's go back to the very beginning:

The gold that gave its name to the Gold Coast—gold esteemed so pure that sovereigns minted from it were valued at 21 shillings—brought the first Europeans to the Guinea Coast of West Africa 400 years ago.

The history of West Africa before the coming of the Europeans has largely been lost for want of a written culture. Tradition has it that the Akans arrived in the Gold Coast in three great waves, the first in about A.D. 1200, the last perhaps two centuries later. They were followed by the tribes now living in the southeast. Only on the coast are traces of earlier inhabitants to be found. The Gold Coast peoples already understood the use of metals when the Europeans first made contact with them. They traded readily in gold, and gold dust was used as currency up to the end of the eighteenth century, when European coins were first introduced.

First arrivals from the West were the Portuguese ships of Prince Henry the Navigator, and the first Portuguese settlement was established in 1482. During the next century the Dutch challenged the Portuguese and by 1642 had driven them from the coast.

By that time the nature of the West African trade had changed. Instead of gold the merchants now bought slaves and shipped them to the colonies of America and the West Indies—a trade profitable enough to attract the merchants of other nations.

By 1814 most countries had forbidden the slave trade. Britain, foremost in the campaign for its abolition, instituted naval patrols to put down slaving, and at about the same time began to acquire the interests of the other nations on the Gold Coast. The

Danish forts were purchased in 1850 and the Dutch last of all in 1872.

The early West African traders had no thought of colonies. Their object was commerce; they built forts and settlements on the coast and their influence was limited to treaties with the local peoples, particularly the Fantis.

These people, however, were the object of continual attacks by the warlike Ashantis from further north. The British, fulfilling their treaty obligations and at the same time protecting their own commercial interests, became involved in a series of seven Ashanti wars that began in 1806 and ended only at the turn of the century.

Not until 1874 did the British Government set up a permanent administration on the Gold Coast. With the Dutch gone, they incorporated the forts and settlements in a new colony of the Gold Coast and Lagos, while declaring a protectorate over a larger area in the interior. Lagos was separated in 1886, and the whole British-administered region of the Gold Coast became a colony nine years later.

International commissions delimited the boundaries of the Gold Coast as it is now known and of the neighboring French and German territories. After the 1914-18 war Germany's colony of Togoland was divided into two zones, one to be administered by France and one by Great Britain under League of Nations Mandate. This arrangement was continued when the United Nations Trusteeship system replaced the Mandates in 1946.

Although some of the educated Gold Coast natives showed an interest in government even late in the last century, their rate of participation in the affairs of their country rose very, very slowly.

The chiefly system of Ashanti was highly organized and contained provision for consulting the commoners. North and South of Ashanti, political units were smaller. Several attempts by the Fantis to form assemblies of chiefs during the nineteenth century were all short-lived.

In 1897, however, an Aborigines' Rights Protection Society was officially recognized in the Colony. It worked alongside the Legislative Council until the creation of Provincial Councils in 1926 ended the need for it.

The first legislature set up by

the British, the Legislative Council of 1850, had powers only over the forts and settlements. The Legislative Council of the Colony of the Gold Coast and Lagos, created in 1874, legislated for an undefined area until the delimitation of boundaries in 1901.

It continued thereafter for the following 45 years for the Gold Coast Colony but not for Ashanti or the Northern Territories.

A nominated African member was appointed as early as 1888. In 1916 the Legislative Council was enlarged to include nine unofficial members, of whom three were customarily European, three paramount chiefs and three representatives of other educated Africans.

The demands for constitutional progress put forward by the National Congress of British West Africa in 1917 revealed a cleavage between the intelligentsia and the chiefs. The 1925 constitution was designed to meet the wishes of both sides as far as possible. It provided for a Legislative Council—still only for the Colony—with elected members, and three Provincial Councils, gatherings of head chiefs which later united as the Joint Provincial Council.

Five of the elected members of the Council were Europeans, six were Africans elected by the Provincial Councils, and the other three were elected by the municipalities of Accra, Cape Coast and Sekondi. Women were eligible for election or nomination to the legislature.

The establishment of municipal councils, dating from as early as 1894, brought out another aspect of the conflict between traditional and progressive democratic systems. Further, there were problems of dual control between municipal and traditional authorities.

A proposal to create elected majorities in the Town Councils, put forward in 1925, was deferred because of public opposition, and it was not until 1944 that, in Accra, the first such majority was established.

The Executive Council was purely advisory. It was reformed in 1925 and three times in the following twenty years. The first two "unofficial" members, both Africans, were appointed in 1942.

The six years of war saw a rapid advance in the experience of Gold Coast Africans. Increasing numbers of them had re-

ceived higher education. Many had had their horizons widened and their political consciousness stimulated by war service abroad and close contact with hitherto unknown peoples.

Against that background the new constitution introduced in 1946, even though it provided for an non-official majority in the Legislative Council for the first time in any African colonial legislature, was soon outmoded.

The native Gold Coast leaders were far from satisfied, complaining that the real power lay in the Executive Council, that the Legislative Council was little more than a debating chamber, and that the new constitution still denied them responsibility and the opportunity to gain practical experience in the art of government.

The peaceful political growth of the Gold Coast was interrupted in 1948 by serious disturbances. The causes were economic as much as political—the rising cost of living, alleged trading discrimination against Africans, and the Government's order to cut down cocoa trees suffering from "swollen shoot".

In February 1948 a procession of veterans on their way to present a petition to the Governor got out of control and was fired on by the Gold Coast Police, two men being killed and four or five wounded. With the news, riots spread over Accra and into other towns; in all 29 people were killed and 237 injured.

The alarmed British formed a commission of inquiry under the chairmanship of an African Judge, Sir Henry Coussey who presided over an all-African committee. A still more liberal constitution, based on this group's recommendations, was promulgated in 1951.

Like previous constitutions it provided for a Governor, Executive Council and Legislative Council, but the composition and powers of these last were so changed that the Gold Coast for practical purposes had achieved self-government.

The 1951 elections were the first in the Gold Coast to be contested on party lines. The main difference between the parties was the speed at which full and absolute self-government should be approached. Kwame Nkrumah's Convention People's Party was swept into power on a slo-



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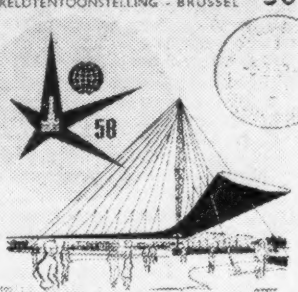
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## The Middle Period In Polish Philately Provides Material Of Interest For The Student

Stephen G. Rich

The "Middle Period", as meant in this article, in that from 1870 to 1918. There are definite reasons why this era might well be treated as a collecting unit. The date limits are by no means wholly arbitrary.

Poland was divided during all this time with no stamps of own. The German-held portion, Poznan, Pomorze and Slask provinces, changed soon after this date from North German Postal District stamps to those of the German Empire. Most 1871 uses of North German Postal District or Confederation stamps were actually Empire uses, with the pre-imperial stamps continued until the new series had been prepared.

The Austrian-held portion, in the south, used Austrian stamps. These had changed in their nature on May 1, 1871, when separate ones for Austria and Hungary, separate postal service, had replaced the former single series for all the Hapsburg-ruled dominions.

And 1870 is the year in which the Russian postal service suppressed all the Polish postmarking devices inherited from Poland's own postal service, in the large section of Poland then ruled by the czars.

The Middle Period is thus one in which Polish philately consists of collecting the stamps of Austria, German Empire and Czarist Russia with postmarks showing use in Poland.

Because of the difficulties involved, the Middle Period is not a popular field. Actually, the few collections in it are of particular portions of Poland, usually a province or two. Thus, because the Riezsch family (to spell our name as grandfather did ere he became an American citizen in 1854) came from Poznan province, I collect primarily that one province in this era. In hunting for the material, I run across some from adjacent Pomorze and Slask, incidentally. I take that, but do not chase after it.

The problem on any Middle Period collection is twofold.

First, it is to have some guide or gazetteer, or perhaps a good indexed map, which will give the cities, towns and villages as they were called in the official language of the governing country at that time. These names are necessary to recognize Polish usages. For the postmarking, the town cancellations on the stamps, are the sole guides to such usage.

Second, there is the need to identify the places by their Polish names, so as to know what places in unified Poland since World War I will be represented.

This last is sometimes productive of some surprises. Thus, who would take, at first hand, a German postmark of the 1880's reading "Filehne" as Polish? Yet that is the form the post office at Wieleun took under German rule. Who would take "Crone an der Brahe" as being Koronowo, without having consulted maps before and after 1918? Naturally, the differences in name are normally not as striking—Poznan city is recognizable readily in its German form of Posen, and Inowroclaw has only a minor change in spelling in its German form.

One's own whims as to what to collect come largely into the make-up of a collection of the Middle Period. Thus, some of us may extend Poland to the portions of Slask (Silesia) added to Poland after World War 2—including Wroclaw in its old name as Breslau, etc.

The same holds for the western extension of Pomorze, also annexed after World War 2. Because my own Poznan collection was started long before these annexations, I have stuck to that

province as it existed from 1918 to 1945 as the collecting area.

In a similar way, one may choose to work on a "towns" basis, a "towns and types" basis, or more extensively. By a "towns" basis, I mean aiming to show just one item, with clear postmark anywhere in this period, from each post office. By a "towns and types" basis, I mean aiming to show each different postmark style, design, or type of each office during this same stretch of years.

My own practice is by no means entirely consistent. Thus, for Poznan city, if I should get a cover of 1880, with the same postmark as I have on a loose stamp for 1878, I will include both. But I do not make any attempt to get as many different year dates as possible of each type, nor do I always bother to show the postmark on as many different stamps as possible.

Quite clearly, the logical extensive method would be this, for each office:

As many different stamps used there as possible;

The earliest and latest example possible of each postmark style of the office;

Plus whatever choice, interesting covers might be found.

Another problem in the Middle Period is the identification of the Railway Post Office postmarks of the three ruling empires which belong in a Polish collection. This involves a study of the R. P. O. routes operated by each. In the case of the German-held portion, it would seem that there is hardly any R. P. O. which operated entirely within Polish lands. Those running eastward from Berlin did come into the area for a portion of their run, in most cases. Whether the Russian R. P. O.'s were wholly within Poland in any case is not a matter upon which I have any information; but I suspect there will be some such routes, such as a short run between Lodz and Warsaw, which existed as an R. P. O. when Poland's own postal service existed in 1860 to 1865. The Lodz-Warsaw service was inaugurated somewhere about the middle of that period.

I have found it an interesting extension of the Middle Period to add, on loose stamps of Poland itself, an example of the first Polish postmark put to use in an office after World War I. A further extension, of which material is hard indeed to find, is cases in which the old German postmark was retained in use for the first months of the Polish administration.

Much of the charm lies in the difference in names of offices as between the German, Austrian or Russian form and the Polish one. Thus, from Poznan, we get Pniewy masked in the Middle Period as Pinne, Gniezno as Gnesen, Swarsadz as Schwarsenz, Leszno as Lissa. Krotoszyn, however, is merely spelled the German way as Krotoschin.

To collect the Middle Period, one needs to get access to large numbers of common stamps of the occupying countries, through which to sort for Polish usages. I was fortunate in securing, early in my collecting, German common red 10 pfennig stamps of 1880 to 1900 in bundles of 100, a total of some 2500 stamps in all. From these I got some 28 Poznan offices, plus maybe ten in the adjacent Polish provinces. Probably about 150 stamps in all bore cancellations in Poland among the 2500. But Poznan as Posen, Bydgoszcz as Bromberg and Torun as Thorn, appeared many times—maybe 30 in each case. This duplication cut down the net gains to the collection very markedly.

What I have said here about German-held Poznan will apply equally well to other areas, Russian-held and Austrian-held. I cite the one case that I know, in detail, as a type of what one can do. It has been and continues to be most pleasurable. In fact, I think that when I finish this article, I shall work through a "junky" lot of Germania design Empire stamps, cheaper low values, that I picked up at a recent auction in my home stamp club, with the hope that I might find a few Polish uses.

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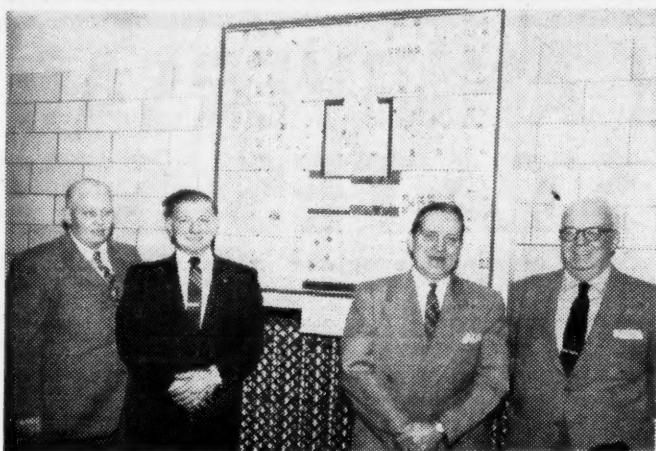
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## Thaddeus Kosciuszko Sought Equality For All; Fought For Freedom In America, Europe

Zdzislaw Wagrowski

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Depicted on the 5c blue stamp of the United States, issue of October 13, 1933 (Scott's No. 734) is the likeness of General Thaddeus Kosciuszko, the distinguished Polish patriot and leader. The stamp was issued to commemorate him and the 150th anniversary of his admission to American citizenship as a reward for his services in behalf of American independence.

Thaddeus Kosciuszko was born February 12, 1746 at Siechnowice, Poland, only a few miles from Brzesc on Bug, of a noble family. His mother gave Thaddeus, his one brother and two sisters their early education. He was 12 years old when he left home to attend a school of the Jesuits in Brzesc on Bug.

At the age of 18 he went to the Cadet Military School in Warsaw. Here he studied under Count Adam Czartoryski. With him Kosciuszko made great progress, finishing his studies with high honors and the rank of captain. After graduation from the Cadet Military School, he was elected to attend a Military Engineering School in France, where he studied for five years and became a great military engineer.

Upon completing his studies in France, he returned to his beloved country, to find Poland had been dismembered by Russia, Prussia and Austria in 1772.

With a love of liberty that knew no national borders, he saw America's struggle as his own and resolved to help the Americans get their independence. He also wanted freedom for Poland. But he could help the Americans first, so even before the Declaration of Independence was signed, Kosciuszko offered his services to General Washington. He was the first foreign officer to land on Colonial shores with the avowed purposes of aiding in the impending revolution.

On August 30, 1776, in Philadelphia, upon recommendation of the Continental Congress, Capt. Thaddeus Kosciuszko was appointed an engineer in the service of the United States with the rank of Colonel. His first assignment in America was the fortifying of Philadelphia. The next project was to strengthen Fort Mifflin, recently captured from the British.

In addition to Ticonderoga, Kosciuszko planned to fortify and defend Sugar Loaf Hill. But the commanding general rejected his plan on the ground that neither the French nor British had thought to fortify that Hill when they held the Fort.

On June 30, 1777 Gen. Burgoyne and his Indian allies attacked Fort Ticonderoga. Five days later they had cannon on Sugar Loaf Hill, and on July 6 the Americans abandoned Ticonderoga.

The American Army now in retreat with the victorious British in pursuit lost the Battle of Hubbardton. On July 25 they abandoned Fort Anne, and on July 30th they lost Fort Edward. Although the American Army was continually running, Kos-

ciuszko was assigned to select a place where Americans could defend themselves successfully.

The Polish tactician chose Freeman's Farm. Twice Gen. Burgoyne attacked the American positions, but Kosciuszko's defense held fast, and the British were forced to retreat to Saratoga.

There, on October 17, Burgoyne surrendered. About 5000 prisoners of war with their arms and munitions fell into American hands. After this victory the Colonies made an alliance with France.

Early in the hard, cruel winter of Valley Forge, Washington sent a force of Continentals to occupy West Point, and to construct a system of forts designed to secure it once and for all. Under the direction of Col. Thaddeus Kosciuszko, a fort along the edge of the plain commanding the bends in the river was erected by 1779.

Under the cannon of the main fortifications, a great iron chain, manufactured locally, was strung on logs and stretched from West Point across to Constitution Island. Thus fortified, the "Gibraltar of America" stood prepared to block the river and to guard its crossings.

In a secluded spot among the rocks, Kosciuszko built himself a garden. Still at West Point, it is called "Kosciuszko's Garden". In 1828 the Corps of Cadets erected a Kosciuszko monument at West Point, to honor his important work to America in the Revolution.

After more than two years at West Point, Kosciuszko was transferred to the Southern Army of Independence. There he served as commanding engineer. Later he fought as a cavalry leader through the Carolinas and played a major role in driving the British from Charleston.

At the end of the war the popular "Count of Poland", as he was called by his friends, was made a brigadier general. Seven long years of service to freedom lay behind him.

Poland rose against her Russian rulers, and Kosciuszko returned to his beloved country with one avowed purpose—to gain rights and political privileges for all of the people. Now a great national hero, he called the whole nation to arms in 1794 against the invaders and resisted them successfully for nearly a year. On April 4, at Racławice, leading an army composed partly of peasants armed with knives, Kosciuszko defeated a Russian army.

On May 7, 1794 he issued at Camp Polaniec a manifesto

which embodied the following decrees: "that all peasants and all other classes which hitherto did not enjoy political privileges are hereby entitled to the same rights and privileges regardless of their status and furthermore all the freed peasants are to work only five days per week and not more than six."

On October 10, 1794 at the Battle of Maciejowice, his outnumbered army was defeated, and he was taken prisoner. His defeat was followed by the third partition in 1795 and the disappearance of Poland from the map of Europe for over a century. But the seeds of freedom were so well sown that they subsequently sprouted into a free and independent Poland in 1919.

After two years the Russians released Kosciuszko. He immediately returned to America. Congress voted him a grant of 500 acres and a cash award of over \$12,000. But he never used these funds. In 1798 he received a call to Europe, where Napoleon professed planning to restore Poland. As he boarded a ship for Europe, he handed Thomas Jefferson the following testament expressing his fine democratic feelings:

"I, Thaddeus Kosciuszko, being just on my departure from America, do hereby declare and direct that, should I make no other testamentary disposition of my property in the United States, I hereby authorize my friend Thomas Jefferson to employ the whole thereof in purchasing Negroes from among his own or any others and giving them liberty in my name; in giving them an education in trade or otherwise; in having them instructed for their new condition in the duties of morality which may make them

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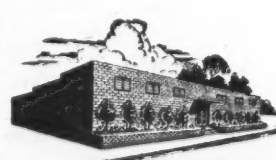
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B41/44	.35 .35	C43/44	1.50 .75
B45/48	.35 .35	C45	1.20 1.75
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B53/56	.35 .35		
B57/60	.45 .55		
B61/64	.40 .35		
B65/68	.35 .35		
B69/72	.35 .35		
B73/76	.38 .38		
B77/80	.48 .60		
B81/84	1.85 2.50		
B85/88	.40 .40		
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Jefferson hailed him as "the purest son of liberty I have ever known." His last great work for the United States was performed when he wrote "The Training Manual for the United States Artillery."

In Paris, Kosciuszko refused to enter the service of Napoleon—a change of tyrants, he felt, was no answer to Poland's problems. However Polish soldiers followed the banners of Napoleon in all his campaigns and a short-lived, semi-independent Poland on a small scale, called the Duchy of Warsaw, was their reward. The Congress of Vienna (1815) confirmed the partition of Poland, but Russian Poland was to enjoy self government.

Thaddeus Kosciuszko died in 1817 in Switzerland where he was buried. A year later, his remains were returned to Poland.

His native country, Poland, issued a number of stamps as follows:

In 1932 a single (Scott's No. 267) showing Washington and Pulaski to commemorate the 200 anniversary of birth of George Washington.

In 1938 (No. 139) he appears with Paine and Washington to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the Constitution of the United States.

1944 No. 342, Fighters for Freedom;

1945 No. 358, the Kosciuszko Statue in Krakow marking the liberation of Krakow of January 19, 1945; No. 363 (No. 342 surcharged); and No. 366, Kosciuszko Monument, Lodz;

In 1954 Nos. 657-9, issued to commemorate the 160th anniversary of the Kosciuszko Insurrection of 1794.

In the "Bulletin of the Polonus Philatelic Society" No. 140, June 1956, Joseph A. Borkowski wrote under the title "The Battle Royal for a Kosciuszko Stamp":

"One would think that a man with Kosciuszko's reputation and character would hardly encounter any difficulty with our postal authorities to have a stamp issued to commemorate and perpetuate his name. Yet there was."

The first move to commemorate the 150th anniversary of granting American citizenship to Thaddeus Kosciuszko, the noted Polish author and publicist was Arthur L. Waldo's letter dated January 22, 1932 to Senator James Couzens of Michigan (asking him) to undertake the task of approaching the postal authorities to issue a commemorative stamp. The Senator replied on January 29 that because of general reluctance on the part of Washington officials it would be necessary to present a resolution before Congress.

"Polish organizations as a whole petitioned through their respective representatives to get behind the stamp project and finally a reply dated February 17 1943 was received from Postmaster W. F. Brown that the stamp 'will be given due consideration.'"

"There being no assurance given, the Polish organizations appealed to President Herbert Hoover for his intercession. This pressure only brought on opposition from various anti-Polish organizations of which one in a letter to the President stated: 'To discern the Poles who have not distinguished themselves will only make them haughty and proud.'"

"Advised To Wait: With the 1932 elections occupying both parties, the committee for a Kosciuszko Commemorative Stamp was advised by Senator Couzens on February 4, 1932, to wait until after the national elections."

"New Political Leaders — No Change In Attitude: When the Democrats swept the country in 1932 and Franklin D. Roosevelt was elected president the hopes of advocates of the Kosciuszko rose unduly high for 'at last the opportunity is here.' But alas the change of political regimes in no way affected the attitude of the newly named Postmaster General James A. Farley.

"The committee headed by Arthur Waldo was informed by a letter of March 11, 1933 that, 'he will not issue the Kosciuszko stamp.' That was that as far as James Farley was concerned.

"President Franklin D. Roosevelt Acts: Despite Farley's rebuff the Kosciuszko Stamp committee appealed directly to President Roosevelt with a letter dated

May 17 'asking for his personal intercession.' The President replied on May 17 stating that he will give the matter 'due consideration.'"

"Kosciuszko Stamp Issued: Finally in October 1933 in conjunction with the Chicago World's Fair, Postmaster General Farley announced the issuance of the Thaddeus Kosciuszko commemorative stamp, 'to commemorate the distinguished Polish Patriot Thaddeus Kosciuszko and the 150th Anniversary of his admission to American citizenship as a reward for his services on behalf of American Independence.'"

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An interesting selection of British Empire with Mauritius 25c and 50c env. Rare India postal card #25 both mint and used (the former brought \$17.50 at auction); Newfoundland envelopes & wrappers (Holmes over \$10); Canada mint cards, env. and airtels; Tobago 4d. provisional, unusual Indian States including Bamra env. (2) and card, Dhar, Cochin, Hyderabad private env., etc.  
Unusual Austria, incl. pneumatic post and the interesting recent charity balloon flights; an outstanding group of Finland incl. the rare double card No. 17; British America, with early Bahamas env. & cards; Br. Oceania with 1888 N. S. Wales comm. cards (2). Plus several interesting covers with adhesives including Lebanon C1-4 on flown cover.

The collection consists of 1,848 pieces (slight if any duplication), having a reasonable retail valuation of at least \$500. It is offered, subject unsold, for \$150.00.

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Interesting and rare first flight Taiz, Yemen—Asmara, Eritrea cover of unexpected January 27 event which took place on 24-hour notice. In addition to features described by the author, collectors will note the official uncertainty evidenced by the use of "bogshas" and "bogashes" instead of "bogash" to denote the plural of the monetary unit "bogsha".

## Yemen Opens Airmail Service Taiz -- Asmara; Few FF Covers Carried On January 27 Start

Bruce Conde

Since September of 1957 the American-operated (TWA) Ethiopian Air Lines have run scheduled flights between Addis Ababa or Asmara (Eritrea) and Taiz, Yemen. Stop offs were made on certain occasions at the Yemenite seaport of Hodeida, but no airmail contract was included in any of the arrangements.

On January 27, however, Yemenite Postal Adviser Mustafa Kablawy, managed to get his first shipment of worldwide airmail out of the Taiz General Post Office via EAL Flight ET 291/27 to Asmara and points north.

Moreover, he also managed to implement the new, low Arab Postal Union rates to Arab countries by reducing the airmail charge from a previous 12 bogash to 6 (4bgs. local rate plus 2bgs. airmail fee), even though the APU convention is not yet ratified by His Majesty the Imam, and most APU usages cannot yet be enforced.

Taking advantage of the new low rates, the writer got out a few first flight covers for his friends and his own collection, via Beirut, Lebanon and a single Taiz-Asmara item via a friend in that Eritrea-Ethiopian city. The covers destined beyond Asmara will probably not show Asmara backstamping because most of the mail is in sealed pouches marked via Cairo. Accordingly, the lone cover to the friend in the CIAAO Hotel, Asmara, will probably be unique. All the others will show Cairo and point of destination backstamps.

Postal Adviser Kablawy also got out a half-dozen covers for friends in the Beirut area. EAL Taiz Manager Haddis Zeggai sent one as a souvenir to the Sales Director in Addis Ababa, and still another was sent to Paris by French road building engineer Raffaneau. This appears to be the size of the identifiable first flight mail on the Taiz-Asmara run of January 27, 1958. The cover illustrated with this article was originally sent via registry to Beirut, as the fee to U. S. (\$1) is still too high for philatelic "convenience".

a green rubber stamp depicting a plane above Congress Hall, Bradenburger Tor, Funkturm. Beside this is the symbol of the UN and the inscription "Sonderluftpost / PAA-Lufthansa / 24 Oktober-Berlin-New York".

The covers are backstamped at UN, New York with a red "UN- NYC / Oct. 24 / REC" rubber stamp. Finally, they bear the UN post office's strike showing date of the return journey to Germany: "UNITED NATIONS NEW YORK / Dec. 14 / 11 AM / 1957". Special covers for this flight were sold at the "BEPHILA" Exhibition at 50pf. each.

LUFTHANSA (West) first flight mail to Porto Alegre, Brazil has been in part returned to German senders, only four weeks after the flight. No special cachet was used, but a great proportion of covers returned thus far is backstamped either "CORREIO AEREO / BRASIL / OR / RS 6-1-58-13" or "CORREIO / AEREO / BRASIL / OR / RS -6JAN 58".

EL AL, ISRAEL AIRLINES first flight (return) from Koeln via Rome to Tel Aviv is scheduled for February 24. The first Israel-Germany flight is expected on the same day. No information is available as to any possible return flight cachet.

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## AFDC Society Forms Central Jersey Chapter

A new chapter has recently been added to the rapidly growing American First Day Cover Society, with the forming of Chapter 6, the Central Jersey Cover Club. The group held its first meeting January 21 at the Livingston Ave. Y. M. C. A., New Brunswick, N. J.

Future meetings of the new unit will be held at the "Y" on third Tuesdays, and cover collectors in the vicinity are urged to attend and get acquainted. Details are obtainable from Frank J. Amoroso, Irving St. Route 16, New Brunswick, N. J.

don will begin March 18; return trip the next day.

EAST GERMAN LUFTHANSA is preparing first flights Dresden-Erfurt and Dresden-Karl Marx Stadt (formerly Chemnitz). The latter may turn out to be directly from Berlin. Other domestic and foreign flights are expected from this line in the near future. CSA (CESKOSLOVENSKE AERLINIE) is projecting a new route Prague-Bruxelles in the near future.

THE 19th BALLOON FLIGHT, Austrian Pro Juventute, is reported by that organization to be set for Austria's "Day of Aviation" April 27. The ascension will be from the Heldenplatz at Wien.

POSTMARKS, SPECIAL and otherwise, continue frequent in the news.

WESTERN GERMANY will see the use at Frankfurt / Main 1 of a special strike March 2-6: "Internationale Frankfurter Messe". The design depicts the trade mark of the fair.

METERED MAIL STAMPS in West Germany will come in for a slight change in the near future. The three-part design consists at present of the round city and date impression at the left and the square "Deutsche / Bundespost" and value indicia at the right, with the slogan or publicity device between them. In the future, the positions of the left and center segments will be reversed, to place the slogan at the left end and the town and date device in the center. The value portion will continue at the right end where the stamp would normally be placed.

AUSTRIA used a special device at Innsbruck 1 February 15-16, on the occasion of the 2nd International Boy Scout Ski Concourse. It showed the Boy Scout emblem within a snow crystal and carried the legend "Internat. Skiwetbewerb der Pfadfinder Oesterreichs".

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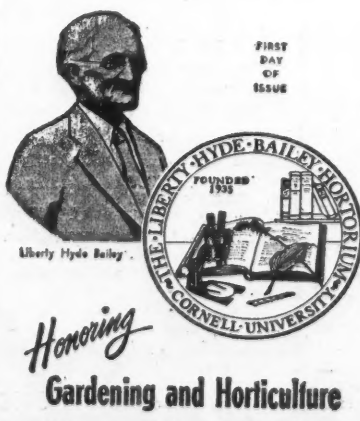
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## Poland's 20th Anniversary Of Independence Issue

Marion Dunski

On Armistice Day, November 11, forty years will have passed since Poland regained her independence and twenty years since the appearance of the commemoratives set of postage stamps for the 20th Anniversary Jubilee, 1918-1938. The issue is par excellence, a monumental, commemorating the history and glory of the Polish Nation. It was very carefully prepared and meticulously executed by the National Printery of Valuable Papers.

Early in 1937 the Ministry of Posts and Telegraphs held a contest for the design of postage stamps with suitable motifs honoring the 20th Anniversary of Independence, due in 1938. The Ministry desired to obtain by means of this open contest, a series of historical designs for a set of postage stamps, portraying the following events and personalities from Poland's past history:

1. Boleslaw Chrobry and the figure of St. Adalbert at the meeting in Gniezno in 1000.
2. Casimir the Great—meeting at Krakow in 1364.
3. Victory at Grunwald with King Wladyslaw Jagiello in the foreground.
4. Casimir Jagiellonczyk with the map of Poland from the Jagiellonian era as the background, 1447.
5. Chodkiewicz and Zolkiewski—with the coat of arms of the Waza dynasty.
6. Kosciuszko, Poniatowski and Dabrowski—as a counterpart to stamp No. 5.
7. The Year 1831—the heroism of the Polish soldiers.
8. Romuald Traugutt and the year 1863 (in the style of Grotte).
9. Marshal Joseph Pilsudski over the background of the marching legions in 1914, and Allegories of 1918-19.

It was required that the historical exactness of the above enumerated subjects be carried out to the utmost. The designs had to be submitted unsigned and identified only by symbols, corresponding to a symbol on a sealed envelope, containing the name and address of the artist.

Entries were mailed to the Ministry of Posts and Telegraphs, Ulica Warecka 16, Warsaw. The deadline for submitting designs was May 1, 1937, at 12 o'clock. Awards in this contest for each subject amounted to 500 zloty. In addition, the Ministry of Posts and Telegraphs reserved the right to purchase any design submitted and not awarded, for the price of 100 zloty for each subject.

All total there were 121 entries submitted and late in May, the contest judges announced the following as winners in the contest for the 20th anniversary series:

1. W. Boratynski, Poznan: Boleslaw Chrobry and the meeting at Gniezno in 1000, and the Victory at Grunwald.
2. E. Manteuffel, Warsaw: Casimir Jagiellonczyk with the map of Poland from the Jagiellonian era.
3. J. Mehoffer, Krakow: Zygmunt August and the Lublin Union and Chodkiewicz and Zolkiewski.
4. E. Bartlomiejczyk, Warsaw: Casimir the Great and Stefan Batory at Pskow.

5. M. Watorek, Warsaw: The year 1863—Romuald Traugutt.

6. W. Borowski, Warsaw: Kosciuszko, Poniatowski and Dabrowski.

Among the "distinguished" works were the designs of W. Boratynski, J. Mehoffer, Jadwiga Betlej, J. Papiez, J. Tyblewski and M. Watorek. Besides the awarded and distinguished works a number of other designs submitted were purchased by the Ministry of Posts and Telegraphs.

In April, 1938 the following article appeared in the Press: "The commemorative series of stamps for the occasion of the 20th Anniversary of Independence will be issued punctually on November 11 of this year. This series which was announced last year—for the 20th Anniversary of Regained Independence—is now being printed. It will consist of 13 values with the following historical motifs:

- 5gr. - Boleslaw Chrobry, Meeting at Gniezno in 1000.
- 10gr. - Casimir the Great, Meeting at Krakow in 1364.
- 15gr. - Wladyslaw Jagiello, Grunwald, 1410.
- 20gr. - Casimir Jagiellonczyk, map of Poland from the Jagiellonian era, 1447-1492.
- 25gr. - Zygmunt August, the Union at Lublin.
- 30gr. - Stefan Batory, Wielkie Luki.
- 45gr. - Chodkiewicz and Zolkiewski, coat of arms of the wazas.
- 50gr. - Johann III Sobieski at Vienna.
- 55gr. - Constitution of May 3rd.
- 75gr. - Kosciuszko, Poniatowski and Dabrowski.

12l. - The year 1831, the heroism of the Polish soldiers.

22l. - Romuald Traugutt, 1863.

32l. - Marshal Joseph Pilsudski over the Allegories of 1914-1919.

The designer of the 5gr. and 12l. stamps was Wladyslaw Boratynski of Poznan. The motif of the 22l. was by M. Watorek of Warsaw; and of 32l., by Zygmunt Rozwadowski, Lwow.

An attractive souvenir of the Jubilee is the souvenir booklet (karnet) sold together with the complete jubilee commemorative set of stamps, postmarked with a special cancellation.

The design used by the post office "Warszawa 1" on November 11, represents the Roman numeral "XX" in a laurel wreath, tied with a ribbon, on which are exposed the years "1918-1938". The second part of the cancellation consists of a circular date, inscribed "Warszawa 1-11.XI.38-9". Total printing of the souvenir booklet was approximately 5000 copies.

In addition the post office prepared souvenir albums. These were presented to state dignitaries and persons meritorious in

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The Mackinac Straits Bridge commemorative will be placed on sale simultaneously at Mackinaw City and St. Ignace, Mich., on June 25. Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield, in making this announcement, emphasized that Mackinaw Bridge Branch stations will be established in both of these cities, and that the first day cancellation in both instances will read the same, merely "Mackinac Bridge, Michigan".

Collectors will be able to send their requests for first day covers—once the denomination has been announced—to either postmaster. The cancels will, however, be identical, and covers will not be considered as having been handled at any one city.

This innovation was prompted by Mr. Summerfield's desire to follow the policy set down by the Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee that only one first day city be designated. Since Mackinaw City and St. Ignace are on opposite sides of the Mackinaw Bridge, each had justifiable claim for first day designation.

the realm of the post office. The album presented to the President of the Republic of Poland, Prof. Ignacy Moscicki, and to the Marshal of Poland Rydz-Smigly contained all stamps officially issued by the Republic of Poland since the regaining of independence. These albums were leather-bound and decorated with silver emblems of the Republic of Poland and of the Polish Posts.

No less ornamental were the other albums, but they contained only the jubilee set. Added was a detailed description of each stamp. The title page was autographed by the Vice Minister of Posts, Thaddeus Argasinski. The purple red (amaranth) covers were ornamented with the Polish Eagle, the Roman "XX" in a laurel wreath and the wording: "Ministerstwo Poczt i Telegrafow."

From the above we see that the commemoration of the 20th Anniversary of Independence in the sphere of the postage stamp was abundant, and undoubtedly will remain a proud page in the history of the Polish Posts.

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## Malta Goes "Futuristic"

The three designs for the Malta Technical Education issue, released February 15, show the first contemporary design on British Colonial stamps. Taken from originals by Carmona, Maltese designer, and redrawn by a Harrison staff artist to great effect, the designs symbolize technical education in its various aspects. They are printed by Harrison's in three-color photo-gravure.

The 1½d value, green and sepia black, shows a composition of set-squares with a gearwheel; the 3d, in red, gray and black, shows a tap and die set, with representation of a nut; the 1/- black, gray and mauve brings an aerial view of the Paola technical school with a representation of an automobile gasket and a radio tube.

The stamps are in the same format as the British commemoratives.

## ECAFE Conference Set For Malaya

To honor the conference of ECAFE, the United Nations Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East which is scheduled to take place at Kuala Lumpur, Malaya is releasing two commemoratives on March 5. They show the United Nations crest within the framework of the "National" stamps for Malaya.

The two adhesives are engraved and recess-printed by De La Rue, and carry the inscription "ECAFE Conference, Kuala Lumpur, 1958". Values are 12c red 30c violet.

## Ghana Multicolor Independence Set

The flag of Ghana, in its natural colors, will be a feature of the four stamps released for the Independence Anniversary on the 6th of March. The 2/- will be printed in five colors.

Stanley Gibbons Ltd. also announce that a new shade of the frame of the ½d Gold Coast overprinted stamp has been noted.

## Israel Independence, Too

The striking design on Israel's stamp for the 20th anniversary of her Independence was the work of Otto Wallish, who depicted a tree bearing ten leaves rising out of the Menora (seven-armed candelabrum) which is the official symbol of the State.

It is printed in dark green, light green, and black on a gold background by Lewin-Epstein, Bat Yam, using the litho process, on unwatermarked paper. Sheets are of 12 subjects with a row of tabs. Face value is 400 pruta.

## GPO Confirms New British Booklets

On January 29 the British 2/6 stamp booklets were replaced by new 3/- booklets (though old stocks of the 2/6 booklets are being sold until exhausted). The new booklets contain 6 stamps each of the 3d, 1½d, 1d, and ½d values. They will have red covers.

The new 5/- booklets, also released concurrently, will comprise 12 x 3d and six each of the 2½d, 1d and ½d adhesives.

## Additional Dutch New Guinea Value

A dark olive green 45c stamp has been added to the Dutch New Guinea definitive series. It shows Queen Juliana in profile, similar to the current 20, 30, 55, 80 and 85c denominations.

## Turkey Tourist Deluge

Following the release of an initial twenty stamps (10 each in values of 5 and 20 kurus) showing Turkey's tourist attractions beginning with the letter A, the Ankara P.O. announces that further sets, of six views (but an unspecified number of denominations) will be issued on March 5 and May 5. Further emissions are scheduled for 1959 and 1960.

## Liechtenstein Sets, March 18

Release date of the four Liechtenstein Sports stamps (15, 30, 40, and 90 rappen showing swimming, fencing, tennis and cycling respectively) has been fixed at March 18. The same date will also welcome two stamps (25, 40rp.) with a relief view of Liechtenstein which are to mark the Brussels Exhibition.

## Ireland Denies Two Sets

The Irish Post Office has announced that it does not propose two issue stamps (reported elsewhere) in honor of Countess Markievicz or Kevin Barry.

## New Monaco Perf On Airmails

Three of the four diamond shaped Monaco airmails — 100, 200 and 1000 francs — have been released in a new perforation, 13 instead of 11. It is not known whether the 500fr. is also affected.

## Russia Clarifies

The most recent Soviet sets, which were described in outline in our last issue, are now clarified as follows:

40 kopecks dark brown on reddish, Kuibishev Power Station, issued December 28. This is the first stamp of a series devoted to showing industrial achievements of the USSR since the 1917 October Revolution.

40k. brown and violet, M. N. Ermolova, famous actress (second value in a series of actors and actresses of the USSR). Issued December 28.

40k. gray brown, White Russian poet Jakub Kolas (real name: Micevick Konstantin Jakovlevitch, a popular poet). Issued December 28, for his 75th birthday. Small size.

40. light brown, small format, portrait of the founder of the Latvian Communist Party, W. Mickewizus-Kalsukas. Issued December 28.

40k. light brown, small format, centenary of the birth of C. Bashindzhagian, Armenian painter and founder of the school of local landscape painters. He left 20,000 paintings when he died. Issued December 28.

The second Sputnik series (Allegory of progress) described in our last issue, was released December 30, from designs by Savialov. Unconfirmed reports state that a third pair of Sputnik stamps has since appeared, but no details have been communicated.

Other new Soviet stamps include four released January 8: 40k. red, black, and violet; badge of the All-Union Soviet Industrial Exhibition. Issued supplementary to the general series for this show.

40k. gray blue and brown, portrait of Rosa Luxembourg, German Communist leader, who was assassinated in 1919.

40k. brownish black, small format, 250th birthday of the Swedish botanist and classifier of the plant world and animal kingdom, Carl von Linne (Linnaeus).

40k. violet blue, portrait stamp showing the Chinese painter Tsi Bai Shi.

A stamp for the 75th birthday of the author Alexander Tolstoy is in preparation.

## Cuba New Issues

Two new special delivery stamps (10c blue, local delivery and 20c green, overseas delivery) were released January 17. They show a motor cyclist and view of Havana. Recess-printed by P. Fernandez S. A., the editions are 2 million and 1 million respectively.

On January 30, two stamps were issued in honor of the founder of the Cuban textile industry, Clayton Hedges. The 4c blue ordinary mail brings a portrait of Hedges and the textile mills at Ariguanabo; the 8c airmail shows Hedges and the Matanzas spinning works. The stamps are recess-printed by Fernandez in editions of 1 million and 100,000 respectively. Clayton Hedges died 1957.

February 21 will see a 4c green commemorative for the Cuban physicist Dr. Francisco Dominguez Roldan. Recess-printed as above, in 3 million edition.

A commemorative, to be produced by multicolor engraving, is in preparation for the Cuban scientist and author Dr. Felipe Poey.

## Salvador Overprints

All current Salvador 7c stamps have been issued with overprint "6" (cents) following a change in postal rates. The issues affected are shipping, Izalco Volcano, Chalatenango Department, and arms of San Salvador.

## Spanish Colonies: Welfare Details

June 1 sees the usual annual charity sets for the three Spanish colonies. Details released are:

Guinea: 10c+5c, 15c+5c, 20c (each 1,000,100); 70c (750,000). There are three designs — book and cross, to symbolize the cultural work of Catholic missions; missionary with cross, preaching to the natives; Cathedral of Santa Isabella, and two children (Spanish and native races) going to church arm-in-arm. These are

to mark the 75th anniversary of the Spanish missions to Guinea. Surcharge to the "Pro Indigenas" foundation.

Ifni (values and editions the same as Spanish Guinea, but only 500,000 of the 70c): Sports designs Cyclist racing and native runner, and natives playing basketball. Surcharge for the Children's Fund.

Sahara: (values the same as Guinea, editions 800,000 of the 70c) — designs from the Don Quixote legend: picture of Cervantes; Don Quixote and Sancho Panza on horseback near Montiel; Don Quixote's adventure with the lion. Surcharges for the Children's fund.

## Yemen Releases A.P.U. Series

Four years after their release by the other members of the Arab Postal Union, Yemen has issued its stocks of these stamps. They correspond to the remaining sets and are photogravure printed in Egypt. Values and colors are: 4 bogash brown, 6bgs. green, and 16bgs. violet.

## Hong Kong To Abandon Keytypes?

A new stamp design competition for Hong Kong issues is announced by the Colonial Secretary, Hong Kong. Finished designs have to reach this address by December 31, 1958.

The competition embraces designs for a new set of definitives to be issued in 1962, and for a commemorative series for the centenary of the first Hong Kong stamps. Any member of the public is at liberty to contribute designs.

The commemorative set will comprise denomination of 10, 20 and 40c. The designs must be indicative of the occasion, and embody the Royal Crown and portrait. Finished size will be 39 x 25mm, horizontal or vertical. Drawings submitted should measure 15 x 10 inches, maximum.

The designs for the definitive series are of two groups. The low values, in uniform design, format 19 x 25mm, based on the Royal portrait and crown (values of 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c). Drawings for the stamps should not be larger than 8 x 10 inches in size.

The higher values, in different designs for each value, format 39 x 25mm, and showing views of such scenes as typical life and views in the New Territories, industry, the Tai Lam Chung reservoir, Hong Kong Harbor, etc.

They must include the Royal Portrait and Crown, or Royal Cypher, or Crown. Views of the Far East in general will not be acceptable. Finished drawings should not measure more than 15 x 10 inches. Denominations will be 1, 2, 5, 10 and 20 dollars.

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C94	.80	C148	.05	C14	.10	C31	3.00	C47	4.50	CB25	.50
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## Notes From The Italian Area

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On January 31, the Vatican re-issued its 500 and 1000 Lire air-mail stamps in identical design but new colors. The 500L is now dark green and yellow green instead of chocolate; the 1000L is deep violet rose instead of ultramarine. The previous issue is now completely sold out and has risen very sharply in price.

The new stamps, as before, are engraved and printed in panes of 45 subjects on paper watermarked with Papal Keys. The sheet margins are devoid of inscriptions, but decorated with fancy scroll work.

A peculiarity of this issue, and of the one preceding it, is that the right-hand vertical strips on each sheet have an additional watermark, "CITTA DELLO STATO DI VATICANO".

More "coin" issues: A new denomination has been added to Italian definitive postal usage, and two of the "Worker" designs have been replaced. All three of the new service stamps were issued January 27 and are in the current "coin" design. The 1L gray and 50L olive replace corresponding "Worker" stamps. The new denomination is a 90L chocolate.



On February 1 a beautifully engraved Italian commemorative appeared to call attention to work now being done to "reclaim" Sardinia. It is ironic that this large island, which gave its name to the Kingdom which led the way in unifying Italy, has for ages been neglected and poverty stricken.

One of its prime needs has been water! For some years now, work has been proceeding on two dams to control the Flumendosa and Mulargia Rivers, north of Cagliari. The dams are creating two huge new lakes, one about 13 miles long and the other with a circumference of about 20 miles.

The Flumendosa dam rises 377 feet above a gorge, with a thousand foot curve. The Muargia, dam, about three miles away, is slightly smaller. Between them, they should make it possible to irrigate a barren area and brighten the lives of Sardinia's struggling peasants.

This, then, is the historic background for the stamp. It shows a map of Sardinia at the left, and a peasant woman at the right, with the two dams in the background and the mountains towering above them. The stamp bears two inscriptions: "Per la rinascita della Sardegna" (for the rebirth of Sardinia) and "Flumendosa Mulargia" (the names of the rivers and of the dams).

The 25L greenish blue stamp is engraved and printed in panes of 50 subjects, on paper watermarked multiple stars. The sheet margins bear ornamental scrollwork but no inscriptions. The design is the joint work of C. Manciola and A. Santini. The engraving is by M. Colombati.

## Bus To Little Rock For ATA Convention

TOPEX 58, the annual convention and exhibition of the American Topical Assn., begins Wednesday evening June 11 at the Greyhound Bus Terminal, Chicago, for those members of the A.T.A. who are planning on going by the special bus that has been chartered.

Breakfast in Springfield, Ill., and lunch in St. Louis, Mo. will be two features of the trip. The bus will arrive in Little Rock, place of the convention, Thursday afternoon.

On Sunday evening, June 15, at 8:30 p.m., in front of the LaFayette Hotel will begin the return trip to Chicago with the arrival in Chicago early Monday afternoon.

Round trip fare on the special "A.T.A. Greyhound Bus" is \$34.75 per person. Meals en route are extra. All reservations must be made by April 15; payment in full must accompany reservation. All checks will be held until after April 15—the reason for this is that unless there are 25 persons to make the special trip the tour will be cancelled.

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## Dealer ★ Doings

Kolor Kover, P. O. Box 1555, Springfield 1, Mass., are now in their eleventh year of supplying colored cachets on colored envelopes to discriminating collectors. "Add color to your cover collection" has been their slogan during the long time they have been pioneering in this field. Their offerings include new issues in both the U. S. and UN fields.

The flu and philately do mix—not at all to the advantage of the latter, reports Mrs. Neal Fallow, wife of the popular dealer at 5043 S. Ashland Ave., Chicago 9, Ill. She requests that his customers take note of his illness and allow him a little time to get back into harness and resume his usual prompt handling of orders for the popular material on today's market.

Dealers in popular standby material and new issues of foreign countries are invited to write for the free 1958 wholesale catalog just issued by Paul Ledermann, 33-25 81st St., Jackson Heights 72, N. Y. Its 24 pages, letterhead size illustrate, list and price hundreds of saleable items and sets per one, per 10 and in many cases, per 100. Topical material especially is featured.

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It is announced with regret that Vernon T. Craft, R. R. 3, Box 95, Richmond, Ind., who had been confined to a hospital, died February 7. He had long operated the Craft Stamp Co., and was for years a familiar figure in philatelic circles in the Indiana, Ohio and Illinois area. Born in Richmond in 1811, he had spent his entire life in that city.

William Hornadge, operator of the Seven Seas Stamps, Dubbo, NSW, Australia, will spend the months of April and May on a buying trip through the Far East. He will cover the Philippines, Japan, Hong Kong, Macau, Siam, and Malaya. Said to be the largest stamp firm in the southern hemisphere, Seven Seas Stamps assembles some 50,000 packets per week for junior and approval trade.

Part two of a comprehensive wholesale price list of foreign stamps, heavy in complete sets of all popular countries, is now available to dealers from J. & H. Stolor, Inc., 50 W. 46th St., New York 36, N. Y. The 76-page 6 1/2 x 9-inch booklet is printed on book stock, well illustrated, and is replete with offerings of interest to dealers in all fields of foreign stamps.

"Bargain of the Month Stamp Club" is the name of a stamp business with a new idea for stamp collectors. The firm sells stamps in monthly selections just as books are sold through book clubs. Its ad in this issue of Linn's explains how collectors can become members without cost or obligation, just by sending their names and addresses to the club at 6997 Lakeport Dr., Port Huron, Mich.

Classified advertiser Everett C. Robinson, 128 Orchard Lane, Feasterville, Pa. who has been offering plate blocks from his personal collection advises that he is in the hospital with a fractured spine as the result of an auto wreck earlier this month. "I have about 40 replies to my ad," he says. "Please tell the writers that I'll reply as soon as possible—about two weeks, I hope."

Martin Sellinger, Box 47, White Plains, N. Y., left February 16 for his annual buying trip through Europe. He hopes to repeat his past good luck in unearthing German and European specialties and rarities, and suggests that collectors and dealers with special wants advise him of their needs and also get on his auction list. Mail directed to White Plains will be duly forwarded.

## New Policies Add To POD Display

Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield has approved two new policies which will enable the Post Office Department's Philatelic Exhibition Room to improve its displays, and subsequently its importance in the eyes of collectors.

Artists responsible for new United States stamps have been requested to turn over all sketches and finished models to the Post Office Department's Division of Philately.

Three artist members of the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee have already indicated their support of this policy, and have sent material from New York. This is being readied for display. These artists are Ervine Metz, Arnold Copeland and William H. Buckley.

A member of the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee has endorsed this policy by forwarding all of the correspondence, source material and sketches Leon Helguerra prepared for the 10, 15 and 25c airmails of 1947. This material is temporarily on a loan basis.

Mr. Summerfield has also approved the setting up of special displays in the Exhibition Room when new stamps are released. This exhibit will be set up on the actual first day of issue, regardless of site of sale, and will embrace artists' sketches, models, progressive die proofs, color trials and full sheets.

The Philatelic Exhibition Room, located on the first floor (Room 1315) of the Post Office Department Bldg., 12th and Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, D. C., is open to the visiting public from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. Mondays through Fridays, and from 9 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. Saturdays and holidays.

## Boulder Creek Club Schedules First Show

The San Lorenzo Valley Stamp Club of Boulder Creek, Calif. is celebrating its first anniversary by sponsoring a stamp show. It will be held in the auditorium of the Volunteer Fire Department of Boulder Creek on Sunday, March 30 from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. No admission will be charged, and the general public is invited.

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One of the most interesting groups of Polish stamps is composed of those made in prisoner of war camps during World War II. They are eagerly sought by orthodox general collectors, Polish stamp specialists and those who like religion on stamps as their avocation . . . all groups having very interesting and instructive, and often, unbelievable, stories in their stamps.

The most provoking fact is that these fascinating bits of paper should be recognized as "locals" and not treated as labels or seals. The adhesives were actually used for inter-camp prepayment of mail.

"Whether the stamps will be recognized as such or not, the fact is that those who have them will not part with them for the love of money; those who can not get them, pretend not to be interested or question their validity . . ." quotes one of the renowned philatelists who made a deep study of the subject in discussion, namely, Father Aloysius S. Horn, President of Saint Gabriel Philatelic Academy. "Most of the copies," states Father Horn, "are still in the hands of former inmates of the concentration camps who procured them during their incarceration. Many of these adhesives were lost in a long forced march which started January 25, 1945 due to the advance of the Red Army."

The transfer to "a safer" barbed wire enclosure meant a journey of 994 miles . . . the last 310 on foot during bitter cold of winter. No prisoner in such state cared to save the adhesives for posterity.

Four Madonna stamps were designed and printed at Woldenberg (Dobigniew) in the section known as OFLAG IIC and one at Murnau at OFLAG VIIA.

The letters OFLAG stand for Officers Lager; the word "Lager" meaning a barrack. Camp Woldenberg, at one time, contained 7,000 Polish Army officers . . . and it was here that the prison camp postal service was born and maintained.

"Our Lady of the Camp" was the first Madonna stamp produced in the prison post office at Woldenberg, and the idea spread to other camps where Polish nationals were incarcerated. The 5-pfennig, ultramarine, adhesive represents the interpretation of a statue of a Madonna and Child carved in wood by war prisoners which later found its way to an honorable place in the chapel of the camp.

In the lower left background of this design are the likenesses of two war prisoners, heads bowed in prayer. The initials in the upper left corner of stamp stand for "Fundusz Wdow i Sierot" (Widows and Orphans Fund).

A special body, elected by prison inmates, was in charge of the fund created through sale of the stamps. The committee was also responsible for money sent to Poland to relieve needy families of the Poles in prisons at Woldenberg and elsewhere.

These 5pf. Madonna and Child adhesives were handprinted between September 15 and October 30, 1942 from wood dies carved by 2nd Lt. Marian Puchalski. Of the 2347 copies printed on thin paper and 2570 copies printed on heavier paper very few escaped for posterity. The stamp was recalled from sale by the prison commission June 15, 1943.



The next Madonna stamp issue at Woldenberg was the famed Holy Virgin of "Ostra Brama", printed from wood dies hand-carved by 2nd Lt. Puchalski. There were two printings of this stamp; the first on thin paper produced 3062 copies. The second printing struck 3126 copies on thick newspaper margins. "The Madonna of Ostra Brama" stamps were also recalled from sale June 15, 1943.

The beautifully colored issue of stamps, bearing the likeness of this same Madonna, was printed by the Vatican Post Office to close the Marian Year. The first stamp (Scott No. 189) saw its first day on December 7, 1954. The third adhesive issued at

Woldenberg camp — also the project and die carving of 2nd Lt. Puchalski—bears the image of the well known "Polish Black Faced Madonna", also known as "Our Lady of Czesochowa". There were also two printings of this stamp, the first on thin paper in the amount of 2436, the second on paper from newspaper margins, in the amount of 2032 copies. The 5, 10 and 20pf. items are described in Protokol No. 9 in the catalog issued in the Woldenberg prison camp. Their issuance was authorized by the camp elder, Captain Szalewicz. This series was likewise recalled from sale June 15, 1943.

In the "Jasna Gora" (the bright mount) church in Czesochowa the original picture rests in the main altar. The first crowning of the picture was in 1717. It is notable that this picture of the Madonna—with one exception—was the first so honored in all of Europe. The crowns were the gift of Pope Clement XI. They were stolen in 1906 and never recovered.



The present crowns according to Church records were sent by Pope Saint Pius X. At the solemn crowning by Bishop Stanislaus Zdzitowiecki of Wroclaw, Poland, the garments looted earlier were restored.

Soon after World War I, following the resurrection of Poland the 8th Meeting of Polish Bishops was held in Czesochowa in July 1920. There the newly created Cardinal Kakowski and Cardinal Dalbor were present and heard 800,000 Polish people renew their vows and proclaim the "Black Faced Virgin" as the "Queen of Poland".

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Polish "Dojdzieny"  
Stamp Researched

Almost from the August 18, 1942 first day of sale of the Polish stamp "Dojdzieny" it has been the object of controversy as to its official status. The subject was well covered in an article by Dr. Matthew E. Uznanski in the June 1957 issue of the "Polonus Bulletin" which has just been reprinted in booklet form.

The title, "The Stamp / 'Dojdzieny' / Polish Army in Russia / II Polish Corps / 1942" states the object of the treatise, and the 20 pages of text and information which follow give a thorough exposition of the background and history of the disputed adhesive.

"It is a well known fact, that the Polish Armed Forces in the U. S. S. R. developed a highly organized and a very efficient postal system of their own, which soon began to show its independence from the Soviet Postal System," states Dr. Uznanski. The eventual result was the issuance of the stamp, in the denomination of 50 kopecks rather than a Polish value.

Only 3017 of the adhesives were issued; fewer than 500 could have been used, the balance is accounted for properly, and the die was defaced and preserved. That the issue had a purpose and fulfilled a share of it is shown by the author, and his conclusion is that it was legitimate in every respect.

The work is a "must" for the Polish collector—and highly interesting reading for anyone else concerned with stamps, war or history.

Italian Colonies  
Air Official Faked

In 1934 Italy issued one stamp for the Colonial transport of Official Mail.

The item used was the 25 Lire value of the Rome-Mogadiscio Flight issue of 1934, changing the color from green to copper red. It was then overprinted with the Royal Crown of Italy and the inscription "Servizio di Stato".

This rare stamp, of which only 750 copies were printed for each of the colonies Cyrenaica, Eritrea, Italian Somaliland and Tripolitania, is listed in Scott as No. CBO 1. It is valued at \$175 and brings almost full catalog value.

Copies of this rarity recently submitted to Vittorio Lo Bianco Inc., of New York were found to be forgeries.

It is easy to detect the fakes because they have a pinkish-carmine color, while the original is copper red, or "rosso mattone", as listed in one Italian specialized catalog.

The falsification was obtained by using Scott's No. CB3 of the above mentioned colonies, which is the 75c red rose. The makers changed the value to 25 Lire and applied the overprint crown and "Servizio di Stato".

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245	.25	.14	689	.10	855	.03
246	.10	.04	690	.06	856	.02
247	1.50	.72	702	.07	857	.03
248	1.30	.60	703	.03	858	.07
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### POLONUS (Continued from page 1)

tion about Polonus. Two issues were released after which the "National Stamp News" became the official organ of the Society. It carried a twice-a-month column about the organization.

At the October meeting, our president informed us that a charter had been granted us and that we were now a legally organized "not for profit" organization. Our membership had increased to 72.

In the early part of 1940, Polonus became Branch Chapter 110 of the Society of Philatelic Americans. Since that time many Polonus members have taken active part in the SPA. Proof of this was seen at the SPA Convention in 1955 when Polonus was awarded a plaque for having the most SPA members, a total of 54.

Among the members who were very active, here are a few who are known to the writer: V. Domanski, Philadelphia, Pa.; S. Rich, Verona, N.J.; Ben Reeves, L. J. Jankowski, Dr. L. P. Kozakiewicz, B. Powell, B. Fialkowski, and Stanley Falcon, all of Chicago, Ill.; Ray Bartz, Detroit, Mich.; R. Reinowski, North Riverside, Ill.; J. J. Domar, Berwyn, Ill.; and L. Topolinski, Milwaukee, Wisc.

On the incentive of a Polonus member a magazine was begun, devoted to the stamps of Poland and associated countries. It was published by Henry Choynecki as a private venture, later becoming the official organ of the Polonus Philatelic Society. There was a total of thirteen issues. Today they are very scarce, being much sought after by collectors of Poland.

In August of 1942, at the SPA Convention in Detroit, the present Polonus "Bulletin" was launched. Number 152, September 1957, was our 15th Anniversary issue. In these 152 copies one finds very diversified writing on all phases of Polish philately, from the prestamp era to the present time. Included is much additional information on the Locals, Occupations, Plebiscites, Revenues, POW'S, DP Camps, Fantasies and Forgeries, plus the social activities of the Society, which include our "Polpex" and "Beebas".

Polonus took a very active part in the International Philatelic Week. It also started a trend which is followed by many other societies, by holding a social, better known to collectors as a "BEEBA".

Many have asked, "What is a beeba?" All a questioner has to do is to ask anyone who attended either of the "Beebas" held with the National Philatelic Societies Convention in Chicago. One was with the SPA in 1944 the other with the APS in 1946. ("Pat" Herst calls it a Polish "Smorgasbord").

On June 22, 1943 Polonus acquired the well earned honor of having the U.S. stamp honoring Poland issued in Chicago as a first day of issue. This was accomplished thru the many philatelic friends of Polonus and with the help of the philatelic press.

The group's 450th meeting will be held February 28 at 1062 N. Ashland Ave., Chicago, Ill. and on behalf of every member a most cordial invitation is extended to any collectors who may be in the city on that date to attend and help the celebration along.

Polish or not, collector of Poland or not, philately and a Polonus "Beeba" are both universal and cosmopolitan in appeal.

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Eventually that royal official service of the middle 1550's, taken over by the house of Thurn and Taxis as stated at the beginning of this article, began to develop, to expand, to acquire a commercial flavor.

The King in due time granted the operators permission to charge a fee of 3 groszy for each half ounce of mail to be carried from Krakow to Vienna. However, the mail of the King and his court was carried free upon the payment by the King of the sum of 1,500 thalers to the Thurn and Taxis family. This fee was also for the management and upkeep of the Polish postal system.

Subsequently, due to differences of opinion on finance, among the members of the Thurn and Taxis family, the postal system was taken over by the Crown. During the reign of King Stephen Batory, a concession was granted to the Montelupi family to handle the mails. An annual subsidy was given them for their services. The routes radiated from Krakow, which was the headquarters. Carriers and horses were furnished under the Corvee (feudal forced labor system).

In 1647 King Ladislaw IV substituted a special postal law for the Corvee. In 1694, King John Sobieski reached an agreement with Saxony on the specials runs from the capital of Saxony, the city of Dresden, to Breslau and then to Warsaw. As history shows there were many minor wars from King Sobieski's reign to the partitioning of Poland.

It was during the reign of Stanislaw August Poniatowski that the three partitions of Poland occurred. The first was in 1772, by Germany, Austria and Russia. After this first partition, a series of sessions of the Diet was called, but due to the "Liberal Veto" which had been established during the reign of King John Casimer from 1648 to 1668, the sessions lasted on and off for many years. In this a heavy part was also played by foreign influences.

In the face of these overwhelming odds the Polish Constitution was written. Certain items were taken from the constitutions of the United States, Switzerland and England. The document was announced to the people of Poland on May 3, 1791.

The Polish Constitution did not appeal to the Russians, who on May 14, 1792 organized a confederation, the aim of which was to abolish the constitution of 1791. This caused friction among the Polish nobility and was a cause to start the second partition in 1793.

An uprising by the Poles took place, under the leadership of Tadeusz Kosciuszko in 1794. The struggle was unequal and Kosciuszko was wounded and captured. Warsaw fell and the balance of Free Poland was wiped off the map of Europe until the Napoleon Campaign.

Covers from this particular era are found only in the private libraries of the different Royal Families of Poland. A study was to be made in 1939 but the war interfered.

The Grand Duchy was a temporary state established by Napoleon in 1807. It lasted only a short time, being soon occupied by the Russians after Napoleon's retreat to France. After the defeat of Napoleon and his exile to Elba, the great powers of Europe assembled in Vienna, in what is known in the annals of history as the Congress of Vienna.

As a result of the Congress in Vienna in 1815, the Kingdom of Poland, which consisted of parts of the Duchy of Warsaw, was handed over to the Russians. The Poles would have a king, but he would be the reigning Czar of Russia. The Poles also would have their own Constitution. The official language would be Polish and they would also have a standing army under their own command.

The Postal service was under the direction of F. Zajanczek, who during the life of the Duchy of Warsaw originated various new routes, one being from Warsaw to Poznan. Others were from Warsaw to Danzig and to Breslau. Zajanczek died in 1810.

His duties were taken over by Sartorius von Schwanfeld until

1815 when the were in turn taken over by Lipowski, who was appointed after the Congress in Vienna. In the first year of existence, there was in the entire realm a total of 178 postal offices (25 post offices and 153 postal stations). The cancellation used was a double line, showing the town name on the first line and the date on the second.

It was during this time that the postal authorities issued envelopes for use in the Kingdom of Poland. Previously, the Russian envelopes had been used. Thus also came into use the well known "Poland No. 1". The official date was January 1, 1860, according to the Julian calendar which was in use in Russia.

After the 1863 uprising in Poland, things turned for the worse, as the Russian army occupied the Kingdom. April 13, 1865, according to Rachmanov, was the last date of use of the lone adhesive, after which the Russian stamps came into use, the Postal function being taken over by the Russian postal authorities.

Many members of the Polish Postal service took part in the uprising in 1863, as was shown in the different trials after the revolution.

Also at the Congress of Vienna, the Republic of Krakow was formed. It had its own postal service. Covers from this particular era are very scarce and are found only with a red cancellation. In 1846 this area was annexed by Austria and the stamps of Austria were placed in use. This continued until the war broke out in 1914. One of the first stamps to be issued subsequently was the one by the committee to help Pilsudski's Legion. This was used for but a short time.

After the October revolution in Russia in 1917, and the treaty of Brest Litovsk, control of a certain area in White Russia was given to Gen. Dowbor Musnicki, commander of the First Corp. This unit consisted of Poles who served in the Russian army and Polish prisoners of war. In March, Russian stamps were surcharged for use by the army and the civilian authorities. The last known cancellation was of July 7, 1918, when the postal authorities left a Free Poland.

During World War I when most of Poland was occupied, there were many local issues used in the different towns. They were valid only for local delivery of mail. Many of these are well written up in different issues of the Polonus "Bulletin".

World War II again produced a flock of local stamps, Army Post Offices, D.P. camps, and Prisoner of War Camp stamps. The saying during the World War II was that the Polish government was in England, its army in Africa and its people in Siberia.

(Editor's Note: The writer neglected to state that he was the founder of the Polonus Society).

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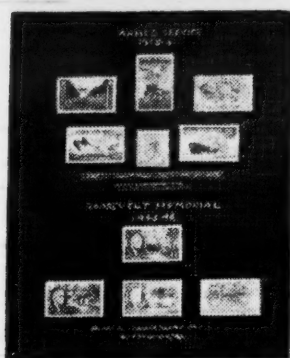
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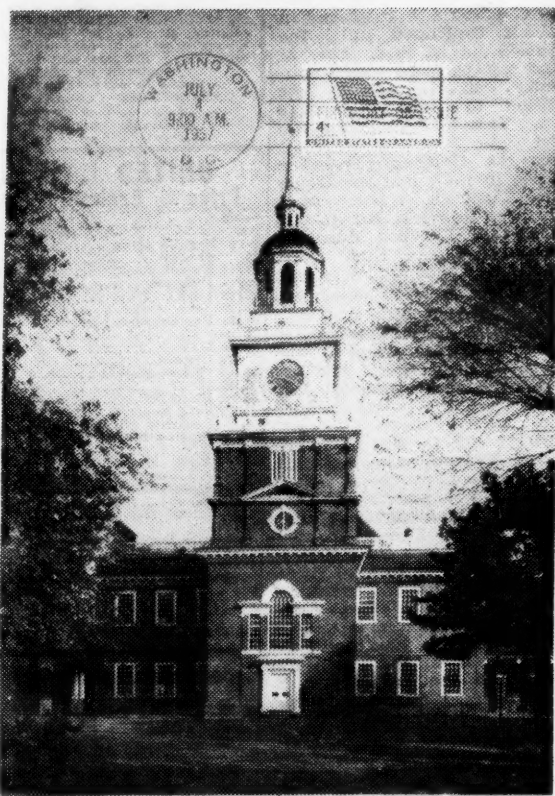
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### PSYCHOTELIC (Continued from page 3)

number of stamp designs which cast a definite doubt on the influence of the Communist effectiveness on the Polish population.



Among the religious topicals we find the following that were printed between 1945-1957—Cathedral of St. John (Warsaw) (No. 375); Sigismund III standing atop a column and holding a man-sized CROSS (No. 670); Rev. Gregory Piramowicz, Rev. Stanislaw Stojalowski (No. B-50); Rev. Hugo Kollataj; Henry IV Probus statue in front of the Holy Cross Church Breslau.



A picture of a Church in Frydman (No. B-85); Grywald Church Gates (No. 555); Madonna from the famous altar in St. Mary's Church in Cracow; Breslau Cathedral; and a commemorative of Rev. D. Dzierzon the illustrious beehive culturalist.

It is very much evident that whatever endeavors the Communists made to eliminate religion from the lives of the Polish people, they again met with dismal failure. It is obvious then that

the religious feelings of the Poles are accepted by the Communists as an accomplished fact. Few attempts have been made to tamper with them.

Our conclusions are based on considerations developed through the process of psychotelis. As it was applied to Poland and proven reliable, these same procedures of psychotelis may be ap-

plied to other nationalistic groups in determining motives and reactions.

### Definition

For want of a better word, I took the privilege of forming one. I utilized psycho, plus (phila) tely psychotelis; psychotelis, science of study of motives and reactions as reflected in respective philatelic issues.

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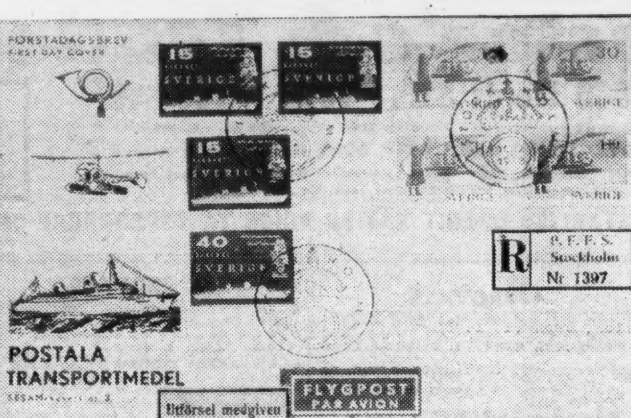
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**MAIL TRANSPORTATION.** On February 10 Sweden released two commemorative sets. One pictured a mail carrying helicopter of the type which services the islands of the archipelago which make up the city of Stockholm. It is a 10th anniversary for the system. Stamps are a 30 ore blue (booklet and coil) and a 1.40 Crowns brown (coil only). On the same day two stamps were issued to note the transportation of the mail by ship to various parts of the world. Denominations and colors are 150 red (booklet and coil) and 400 olive green (coil only). Martin Bostrom, Hertig Karlsalle 59B, Orebro, Sweden sent the cover.



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**PRECANCELLED CARD**

A different type card was called to my attention by my friend R. S. Salter of Clearwater, Fla. First, it looks very much as if made with a rubber hand-stamp of some sort. The ink is definitely purple. The card was used to advertise a forthcoming hobby show in Clearwater. As the permit number is 2, it surely can be safely assumed that there is another permit holder.

The cancellation is divided into three squares. The portion over the stamp (on a regular 2c Franklin card) has lines for the cancellation effect; the center square encloses the permit number; and the left square (left side open) contains the legend, which in this case is Clearwater, Florida. Florida is spelled out in full.

I don't know how many of the rules on precanceled cards this circumvented, but it surely is an attractive card.

## BULLETIN BOARD

The Southern California bulletin in this month from Woody, Calif. The California count is 637 Towns and 1084 Types. "El Boletin" of the New Mexico Precancel Club mailed with 1c Prexies from Silver City, N. M. The "BUCKEYE" bulletin of the Central Ohio Club mailed from Hooover, Ohio.

Hooover is one of the newly authorized Ohio towns and is very close to Cincinnati, Ohio. Why it has not been absorbed by that office I can't tell you. A Bulletin from the Baughmans from out Kansas way comes with a 2c Liberty from Houghton, Kansas in U-1 type. I don't understand this but it sure is a U-1 type or a very good facsimile. The stamp is also dated.

Addresses of any of the above for return postage.

**BOLIVAR, KOSSUTH**  
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Washington, D. C., on the anniversaries of their births, July 24 and September 19, respectively.

On February 25, 1959, Jose de San Martin will be added to the "Champions of Liberty" group, leaving one other selection to be determined for that year. First day sales of the San Martin stamp will also be held in Washington, D. C.

Mr. Summerfield, in announcing these selections, said, "The Department is proud to honor these three men who contributed so much to the welfare of mankind. We believe the issuance of these 'Champions of Liberty' stamps honoring foreign-born leaders in mankind's struggle for freedom enables the Post Office Department to make a unique contribution to the national efforts for better world-wide relations."

At the same time he approved several policy decisions proposed by the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee. The first provides that not more than two "Champions of Liberty" stamps will be issued in any calendar year.

The second stipulates that future "Champions of Liberty" stamps will be simultaneously issued in two denominations—one for the current domestic letter rate (now 3c) and the other for the current international rate for

## 20th Anniversary For Glen Ellyn Stampers

To celebrate the group's 20th anniversary February 28 the Glen Ellyn, Ill. Philatelic Club will return to the first meeting place where it was organized in 1938. Then it was "the room over the fire house"—today it is the newly rebuilt and redecorated Village Board Room in a gleaming glass and chrome building, with five big engines downstairs instead of the one little pumper of 1938.

The speaker of the evening will be W. Lee Fergus. Secretary-treasurer of the club for the past ten years, he was also the first speaker before the group after its organization in 1938. He will discuss the growth and accomplishments of the past score of years. Visitors are welcome at all meetings, and especially this coming event.

first class surface mail (now 8c). Such procedure will assure maximum use, both in the United States and throughout the world.

Initial printing orders for the "Champions of Liberty" stamps are expected to be in quantities of 120 million for domestic use stamps, and 40 million for international use.

Ramon Magsaysay, late President of the Philippines, was the first to be honored on a "Champions of Liberty" stamp. This 8c item based on the design of Arnold Copeland, a member of the Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee, was first placed on sale in Washington, D. C. August 31, 1957. First day ceremonies were attended by the President, Vice President, the Secretary of State, the Postmaster General and the Philippine Ambassador. The stamp received favorable world-wide acclaim.

Simon Bolivar, a hero of South American independence, was born in Caracas, Venezuela, July 24, 1783. He was an eye witness to the closing days of the French Revolution, and observed the working of free institutions in the United States in 1809.

On his return home he espoused the cause of independence from Spain. Following years of conflict, his leadership prevailed, and Colombia, Peru, Venezuela, Ecuador, and Bolivia were freed nations. He died at San Pedro, Colombia, December 17, 1830.

Lajos (Louis) Kossuth, noted Hungarian patriot, was born at Monok in the Austrian-Hungarian Empire on September 19, 1802. When 39 years old he became editor of the "Pesti Hirlap", a party organ and shortly thereafter was the leading force in the revolution seeking to liberate Hungary from Austrian domination.

The revolt collapsed in 1849 and Kossuth became a fugitive. He was acclaimed in France, England and the United States, and, until his death March 20, 1894, persisted in his hopes for Hungarian freedom. He has continued to this day to inspire the Hungarian people in their efforts to obtain freedom and national independence.

Jose de San Martin, born at Yapeyu, on the Uruguay River, in what is now Argentina, on February 25, 1778, was a contemporary of Bolivar. His conflicts with the Spaniards in the quest for freedom were concentrated in the lower portion of South America, principally in Argentina and Chile.

Following his victory at Lima, Peru, in July of 1821, San Martin, confronted with numerous problems, resigned his authority on September 20, 1822. He spent the last years of his life in exile in Europe where he died in Italy on August 17, 1850.

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**FRANCE.** Four more stamps in the famous men series were issued February 17. The denominations and subjects are 8 francs, Joseph Louis LaGrange, mathematician; 12fr, Urbain Jean Joseph Le Verrier, astronomer; 15fr, Jean Bernard Leon Foucault, physicist; and 35fr, Claude Louis Berthollet, chemist.

**GERMANY (SAAR).** The 400th anniversary of the town of Homburg, Saar will be commemorated with a single on June 7.

**GHANA.** A definitive series of fifteen values is planned for the end of May. The denominations will be 1/2d, 1d, 1 1/2d, 2d, 2 1/2d, 3d, 4d, 6d, 8d, 1/-, 1 1/3, 2/-, 2 1/6, 5/-, and 10/-.

**JAPAN.** The philatelic schedule for release during 1958 includes: May—Third Asian Olympics; June—Centenary of the opening of ports to Foreign Countries; June—Jubilee of the Emigration to Brazil; October—Completion of the embankment of the Bay of Kojima; also—13th National Athletic Meeting; November—Centenary of the Founding of the Keio-Gijuku School; December—10th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

**MALTA.** Publicizing Technical Education, a set of three was issued on February 15. Each stamp bears a picture of the Queen and one aspect of technical education. Values and colors are: 1 1/2d black and green; 3d black, red and gray; and 1/- black, gray and violet.

**PAKISTAN.** On March 23 a mauve and red 15 Rupees adhesive will be released for the second anniversary of the Islamic Republic.

**POLAND.** Commemorating the 100th anniversary of the birth of Joseph Conrad, writer, a set of two commems was issued December 30. A portrait of Conrad and the sailing ship "Torrens" make up the design.

The values are 60 groszy blue, green and brown, and 2.50 zloty pink and dark blue.

**SWEDEN.** February 10 marked the 10th anniversary of the conveyance of mail by helicopters. To mark the event a 30 ore blue and a 1 crown brown, were issued. A helicopter is used for the design.

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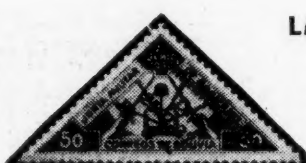
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